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## Sherburd Compares New Zealand And Southern Baptists ROLLS REVISED YEARLY LITTLE HEAT IN CHURCHES



REV. E. F. SHERBURD

"Baptists are Baptist wherever you find them though there are minor differences among them in various parts of the world," says Rev. E. Foster Sherburd of New Zealand.

Mr. Sherburd, who is pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Whangarei, (Wongaray) New Zealand, is in the United States to attend the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, the last week of July. He came early for two reasons: (1) to be on time for B. W. A., and (2) in order to visit as many of the Baptist institutions.

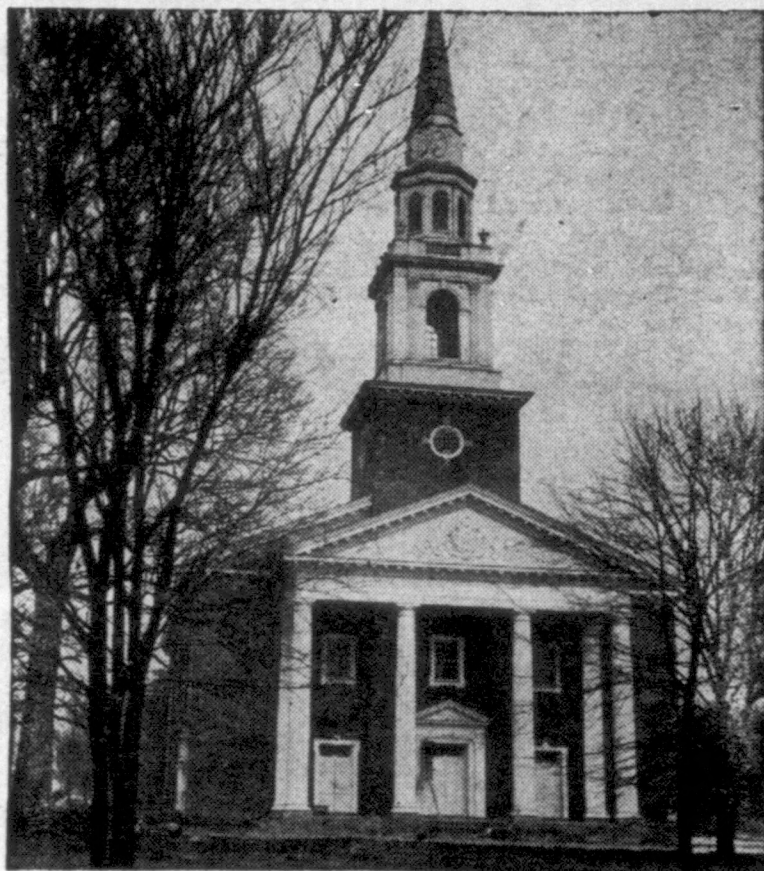
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## Wake Forest Selected For Seminary Site

Nashville, Tenn.—(BR)—Wake Forest, N. C., has been selected as the recommended site for the new Southern Baptist seminary to be located in the East by the Committee on Theological Education of the Southern Baptist Convention. A statement of the Committee's action was drafted by Louie D. Newton, Georgia; C. Vaughn Rock, Arizona; and Floyd Looney, California, members of the Committee. It is as follows:

"On the basis of an official and unanimous offer from the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, and upon the condition that the offer will be authorized by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Committee on Theological Education of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend to the Convention that the Seminary in the East be located at Wake Forest, North Carolina, the details of the transaction to be submitted to the Convention in Chicago in May, 1950."

## Southern Seminary Dedicates Alumni Memorial Chapel LARGE CROWDS ATTEND CONFERENCE, HOMECOMING



—Photo by The Courier-Journal

Shown above is the Alumni Memorial Chapel at Southern Seminary, which stands as a monument to the efforts of the alumni, who, over a period of years, gave and raised the money to make the building possible.

The beautiful sanctuary is of Georgian Colonial architecture, harmonizing with other buildings on the campus.

Quoting from the architects' description:

"Most of the elaboration is concentrated at the front where the tower, spire and portico make a center of interest. The remainder of the building is very simple, depending for its effect on the relation of wall and window and door openings.

"The interior of the Chapel also follows Georgian precedent. The vestibule with its paneled wainscote, its stairways with iron railings and floor of black and white marble, is reminiscent of many New England churches of the period just before the Revolution.

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

Every seat in the spacious auditorium of Southern Seminary's new Alumni Memorial Chapel was filled for the dedication of the Chapel Thursday night, March 23, and many people stood or sat in the aisles. A spirit of thanksgiving and dedication permeated the congregation as Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary, preached the dedicatory sermon, on the text "Oh come, let us worship" (Psalm 95:6).

Emphasizing the importance of using the new Chapel for its rightful purpose, Dr. Fuller declared: "If we worship God in truth and sincerity in this place, it will be an endowment which will produce vast spiritual income for our spiritually starving world."

"Well ordered services, thoughtful and admirable sermons, liberal offerings and excellent music which are unquestionably ordained of God to be true and acceptable means of worship can so easily become the ends of so-called worship," Dr. Fuller said. "When

the preacher of the sermon occupies the spotlight which the God of the sermon is wont to occupy, he seeks for himself what he should want for God at the hands of the people.

"May our hours together in this worship place be to no one of us a pantomime before God for his appeasement; may they not be periodic performances for approbation of men. But let us pray and prepare that these hours together in this beautiful sanctuary shall be experiences with God.

Hundreds of visitors from across the nation were in Louisville for all or part of the five-day Pastor's Conference and Alumni Homecoming which opened on Monday night, March 20, with a sermon by Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Speaking on the subject, "Gospel Headlines," Dr. Trimmer said: "As we inaugurate the use of this beautiful temple of worship it is appropriate

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## Annuity Board Meets In Dallas

By DR. JOE T. ODLE

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention held its annual meeting in Dallas on March 8, with a large attendance of both the local and state members.

Dr. Walter A. Alexander was re-elected Executive Secretary, and Dr. Wallace Bassett was re-elected as President of the Board. All other officers and department heads were also re-elected.

Reports revealed that 1949 was the greatest year in the Board's history. The assets of the Board now total \$17,613,434, an increase of \$2,519,341 during the year. There are now 18,812 persons holding annuity certificates, and 2,373 persons received annuity benefit payments during the year, those payments totaling \$1,103,797. Twenty-seven widows are now receiving annuities through the Widow's Supplementary Annuity Plan.

It should be understood by our people that the assets held by the Board are trust funds consisting largely of annuity certificate payments by members, and that all will eventually be paid out to those certificate holders. The Board does not exist for itself nor does it have funds it can call its own, as all its funds, except relief funds, are for the payment of annuities.

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## A. B. Pierce To Speak On Miss. Radio Hour



REV. A. B. PIERCE

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the First Church, Kosciusko, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour for the month of April. He will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WROB, West Point, and at 2 p. m. WRJW, Picayune; at 9 a. m. over WSLI, Jackson, and WLOX, Biloxi.



### SOUTHERN SEMINARY DEDICATES

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that the first sermon preached here be specifically on the theme of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The cornerstone of the new Chapel was sealed at a ceremony the second day of the Conference, when Dr. Theron D. Price, assistant professor of Church History, deposited numerous articles which might be of interest to some future generation.

A copy of Dr. Fuller's didicatory sermon went into the cornerstone, along with copies of The Tie, monthly news magazine of the Seminary; a copy of "The Abstract of Principles," articles of faith signed by professors as they are admitted to faculty status; photographs of Seminary buildings; press clippings and current newspapers; The Review and Expositor, quarterly theological publication published by the Seminary faculty; and a copy of Dr. W. O. Carver's latest book, "The Glory of God in the Christian Calling."

Drama and pageantry had their place in the week's program as the Seminary put into use its new drama workshop, located in the basement of the Chapel. With Professor Charles A. McGlon as director, students of the drama and speech classes presented Jerome K. Jerome's three-act play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," and "The Eternal Years of God," a pageant by William Hodapp tracing the history of the Seminary from its opening in Greenville, S. C., in 1859.

#### CHANGE OF CONFERENCE TIME

In a joint meeting of the Seminary faculty and alumni attending the conference it was decided to change the time of the annual Pastors Conference from March to summer. Date of the first conference under the new schedule, to be held in 1951, will be determined by a committee named by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson, Miss., president of the Alumni Association.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. M. T. Wilson, Liberty; Mrs. F. W. Gerhart, Columbus; Mrs. Roger Johnson, Memrie Johnson, Jackson; Rev. A. W. Tolbert, Brookhaven; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Bryant Smith, Prentiss; Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Ridgeland.

HATTIESBURG, MARCH 27 — CONSTRUCTION started here today on the first unit of the new Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, a recreational and education building located at 16th Avenue and Hardy Street. Dr. Joel C. Murphy, pastor, conducted ground-breaking ceremonies at the new site Sunday afternoon.

DR. W. LANDON MILLER, OF Brookhaven, has written a very interesting and helpful article on soul-winning which appears in the March issue of the Training Union Magazine. The article is entitled "DO YOU KNOW?"

BSU'ERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING First Magnitude, and those interested in missions, will want to read the article by Norma Jean John, graduate of Blue Mountain College who is now Student Secretary at Jones Junior College, which appears in the March issue of The Baptist Student Magazine. It is entitled "Mission Study Plus at Blue Mountain."

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the 101st session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. The minutes are clear and concise. Statistics are easily read from the nine charts which come in the back of the 79 page booklet.



Shown above is Dr. Ellis A. Fuller praying at the Corner Stone Laying of the Alumni Memorial Chapel of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. At the right is Dr. Theron D. Price of the Seminary faculty, who was in charge of the program.



Shown above is Dr. Maurice J. Trimmer preaching the first sermon in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Also on the platform are Dr. Ellis A. Fuller and Dr. V. Latrell Stanfield.

## Messengers To The Southern Baptist Convention Should Be Properly Certified

By JOE W. BURTON

Secretary,  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Registration cards for the certification of messengers who will attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention are now available from the office of the Executive secretary of each state Baptist convention.

Messengers should be appointed by the churches according to the following provision of the Constitution in the Southern Baptist Convention:

"Article III. Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)."

### ANNUITY BOARD MEETS

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nalties which will eventually come due.

The relief department helped support 1,407 persons last year. A total of \$242,066 was paid to beneficiaries. This was 16,690 more than was received during the year, so that amount had to come out of the relief reserve funds. This cannot long continue before the reserve will be exhausted, so Southern Baptists must increase their support to this department if we are to continue to care for the old preachers and their widows.

Mississippi was one of the states where more was granted than was received. The best solution to this problem is for our churches to make special offerings for this cause. We suggest that the offering be taken in connection with each observance of the Lord's Supper. If this is done the Board will have enough funds to provide for all worthy persons who call on it for help.

The Executive-Secretary reported two significant transactions of the past year. One was the sale of the Baptist Building in Dallas, and the other is the agreement of the Board with the Baptist General Convention of Texas to erect a new jointly-owned Baptist building to be located just across the street from Dallas First Baptist Church. He also reported on his appearance before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington where he presented our Southern Baptist opposition to the extension of Social Security Legislation to cover churches.

While the Board is making splendid progress, it is in need of increased support by the denomination if it is to meet its responsibility in a manner commensurate with the way other denominations are providing for the aged and disabled ministers. There are greatly increased needs even now, but they cannot be met until much more money is available.

The personnel of the executive officers, the local Board in Dallas, and the executive Committee includes not only some of our most trusted and beloved pastors, but also some of the most successful laymen and businessmen of the Southwest. These men serving on the Board are giving freely of their time and their talents that this Board may wisely and successfully carry on its work.

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THE FARMER TWINS (\$5.00) by Anne Crittendon Martin is published by the Home Mission Board in a series of "The Church and Its Community (Rural)". Designed for Primaries, the book is in easy-to-read type and it's frequently interspersed with pictures. Order from the Baptist Book Store. Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Crittendon. Dr. Crittendon was formerly pastor at Indianola and Brookhaven and is now State Mission secretary in California.

TEN FAMOUS EVANGELISTS (\$1) by Basil Miller and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan records the biography of ten men, each of whom gave their lives to the Will of God. Young People who have reached that decision will enjoy reading this book and seeing the many circumstances in which one's all may be given to Him. These ten include pen sketches of George Whitefield, John Wesley, Dwight L. Moody, Spurgeon and Billy Sunday. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.



## WHEN THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS, WE ADVANCE

William P. Davis, Executive Secretary Ad Interim

### WHEN THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS —

Mississippi Baptists are looking forward to the coming of Reverend Chester Quarles April 15th. I believe God raised him up for the hour. In every way God has prepared him for this great opportunity of service. A great crisis calls for a great man. Chester Quarles is that man. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Mississippi Baptists can make Brother Quarles a greater man with every passing day. Let us pray for him and pray that God shall unite our great Convention in the bonds of love with an unbounding passion to win the lost to Christ.

Mr. J. E. Lane, treasurer of the Convention Board, is doing an excellent job. All communications concerning money should be addressed to Mr. J. E. Lane, Treasurer Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Baptist Building, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

I am happy to give you the following program for our Stewardship Revivals to be held at Grenada, April 4, Meridian, April 5, and Hattiesburg April 6. Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary, Texas Baptist Convention Board, will be one of the guest speakers. The program will begin at nine a. m. daily and continue throughout the day.

#### HOW SINCERE IS MY CARE?

#### WHAT HAVE I TO SHARE?

#### HOW FAR WILL I DARE?

#### MORNING:

9:00-9:10—Opening Song and Prayer.

9:10-9:40—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dr. M. Nelson (Grenada); W. E. Greene (Meridian); I. E. Rouse (Hattiesburg).

9:40-10:00—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF TEACHING: E. C. Williams.

10:00-10:30—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF MUSIC: Howard H. Aultman.

10:30-11:00—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF EVANGELISM: James H. Fairchild (Grenada); Leroy Green (Hattiesburg).

11:00-11:15—Special Music:

Blue Mountain College (Grenada)

Clarke Memorial College (Meridian)

Mississippi Woman's College (Hattiesburg)

11:15-12:15—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF STATE MISSIONS: G. Norman Price (Grenada); John E. Barnes (Meridian); Clyde C. Bryan (Hattiesburg).

12:15-1:15—Lunch.

#### AFTERNOON

1:15-1:25—Song and Prayer.

1:25-1:45—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF TRAINING: Auber J. Wilds.

1:45-2:05—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF MISSIONS: Miss Edwina Robinson.

2:05-2:25—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE TITHES VISITATION ENLIST-

2:25-2:30—Song and Relaxation.

MENT: William P. Davis.

2:30-3:15—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF DOCTRINES: Frank Roblin.

3:15-3:25—Special Music; Blue Mountain College (Grenada); Clarke College (Meridian); Woman's College (Hattiesburg).

3:25-4:25—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF WORLD MISSIONS: James C. Monroe (Grenada); J. R. Davis (Meridian); M. D. Morton (Hattiesburg).

4:25-7:00—Relaxation and Dinner.

#### EVENING:

7:00-7:10—Song and Prayer.

7:10-7:30—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF MAN-POWER: W. R. Roberts (Grenada and Meridian); Clyde C. Bryan (Hattiesburg).

7:30-7:50—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF YOUTH: Charles Horner.

7:50-8:05—Special Music by the Colleges.

8:05-9:15—IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S PLAN: J. Howard Williams (Grenada and Meridian); Norman W. Cox (Hattiesburg).

#### RESOLUTIONS OF DEACONS

##### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, on January 5th., 1950, God in His infinite Wisdom saw fit to remove from the walks of life on earth; to the Heavenly Habitation, our friend and Brother, Deacon Conway W. Bonds; a most active Christian and worker in our Church and member of our Board;

WHEREAS our Board of Deacons and Church has lost a most loyal and beloved Member, one who was ever ready to aid the needy, and be a friend to the friendless regardless of race, color or creed;

WHEREAS he was a member of this Board of Deacons in activity and service for more than twenty-nine years, and

WHEREAS we shall and do now infinitely miss his smile, presence and unselfish service, and

WHEREAS his influence in our City, County and Church will live on and on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, and

WHEREAS, although our hearts are saddened by his absence from us; we find joy in knowing that our loss is the gain of Heaven and Him. He is now at

rest with the Joys of Heaven all about him.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Body of Deacons in regular session on this day of our Lord March 5, 1950; express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings brought to our midst by his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we formally express to Mrs. Bonds and the Family and Brothers and Sisters our heartfelt sympathy in their very continued hour of grief and loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this expression be spread on the minutes of our Church and Board; and that copies also be sent to Mrs. Bonds and Family, the South Reporter and The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted: Howard H. Aultman, Pastor; Dr. Ira B. Seale, Chairman of Board; C. E. McAlexander, Secretary of Board; Geo. T. Parker, Financial Secretary; C. D. Collins, Treasurer; S. C. Lowry; O. B. Kerr; Chas. J. Jackson; Frank Nichols; W. K. James; Douglas M. Abel; Gordon Sigman; Dr. W. C. Sandusky; W. E. Boone; J. F. Hurdle; H. E. Crowder

—BR—  
KEEPING A MAN IN HOT WATER will not make him tender.

#### SHERBURD COMPARES

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tions and churches in North America as he could.

When questioned by the Baptist Record reporter, Mr. Sherburd, who spent a week in the home of Editor Goodrich, visiting Mississippi College, Jackson, and various surrounding churches, said that there were some differences in Baptist procedure in the United States and New Zealand, but that the differences are minor.

In New Zealand, converts are not immediately received into the membership, but only after consultation with the Pastor which follows their public profession of faith. Sometimes this conference takes place at the close of the service, and in other cases a day or days later.

Churches in New Zealand revise their church rolls every year or two so that there is no dead timber, so called, on their rolls.

#### MORE REVERENCE

There is much more reverence in New Zealand Church service than there is in this country. Also the preaching is less promotional and more doctrinal. They have church communion twice monthly, using the first Sunday morning and the third Sunday night. Also the Lord's Supper can be conducted by any lay member of the church.

"There is no central heating system in the churches, he said" the preacher has to preach himself warm."

He was impressed with the fact that Sunday Schools in the United States care for all ages, while in New Zealand there is no provision for those beyond approximately twenty years of age. One reason for this is the fact that the churches are not planned to take care of this group. Although they do not have a Training Union as we do, they have a week night Bible class for young people.

The New Zealanders make much of camp life and many converts are won in these camps. The big camp season is centered around Easter Sunday which is the end of Summer in New Zealand, beginning on Thursday night and ending Monday night with thousands of young people and children attending.

Probably the most significant difference in New Zealand Baptist affairs and ours, according to Mr. Sherburd, is the fact that they are more strict in ordaining candidates for the Ministry. No one is ordained until after completing the Seminary Course, and not all who apply for Seminary training are accepted. They have to pass a strict doctrinal, literary, Biblical and character examination before being accepted.

No student serves as the pastor of a church, although they do supply work. No member of the Seminary Staff serves as a pastor, and practically none of the Seminary students are married.

Discussing the Seminary he said it was too small for the New Zealand Baptists, as well as for the number applying for admittance. At present no enlargement is possible because of government building restrictions, and also because of a restriction of the deed to the land on which the building stands. The deed contained restrictions on the number of students enrolled. Just as here the New Zealanders have a Building Loan fund,

## J. W. Brister Ordained At Terry



REV. J. W. BRISTER

Terry Church ordained J. W. Brister to the full Gospel ministry on March 19. Mr. Brister has recently been called as pastor of Galilee Church, Copiah county.

His brother, Rev. Freddie Brister, preached the ordination sermon. His pastor, Rev. Thurman Booth gave the charge and Deacon John Eley led the Ordination prayer. After the laying on of hands, Deacon George Auston Morgan presented the Bible.

Following the service Tom Austin, Jr., a senior in Hinds Junior College, surrendered to preach.

but the difference is that they charge no interest on loans.

#### DEACONS NOT ORDAINED

In New Zealand deacons are not ordained, but are elected for a term of four years. However, the rotation system is in effect but all terms do not expire at the same time.

In New Zealand churches they have their "Week of Prayer" for all. Here in the American churches we have it for the women. During the week of prayer, the seminary students being financially short, some meals are omitted and others are kept down in quantity, in order that money may be saved and given to Missions.

Another difference in the Americans and New Zealand Baptists is the fact that there are no paid workers in the churches, except the pastors.

No new church buildings have been erected in several years because of government building restrictions, nor many long trips made as the gasoline allowance is 12 gallons a month. A used American car sells for four times the price in this country. Pastor Sherburd has one of the nicest church-owned cars in New Zealand. It is a 1937 Ford.

Although Mr. Sherburd did not brag about it, the writer was able to elicit from him the fact that there are only 10,000 Baptists in the country, but 180 missionaries, or about one missionary to each 55 members. If Mississippi Baptists did as well they would have 6,654 foreign missionaries.

They have an equally good record concerning their denominational paper known as "The Baptist." The circulation is 3,100, almost one to every three members.

If Mississippi Baptists did as well, the circulation of the Baptist Record would be 122,000 instead of 66,000.



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Occasionally we receive requests from some reader asking that we send the BAPTIST RECORD without charge to some library.

Unfortunately the BAPTIST RECORD has no funds for supplying complimentary subscriptions to public libraries. We suggest that churches in towns having a library could not spend a dollar to better advantage than to pay for a subscription to their library. We believe that if the suggestion were made, the church would quickly and enthusiastically vote the necessary \$1.000 to send the BAPTIST RECORD for a year to the reading room of your library.

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## Canada Rejects Vatican Envoy Plea

The people of the United States claim to have the greatest Government on earth, but certainly the people of the Canadian Government, although having a large number of Catholic voters, is not bowing the knee to the Catholic hierarchy.

As evidence we give below an item taken from Religious News Service:

OTTAWA—Indications are that the Canadian government will not—at least for the present—appoint an ambassador to the Vatican.

A deputation from the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor interviewed Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent, and urged the appointment of an envoy. The Prime Minister replied that such an appointment would give the Roman Catholic Church a special status in Canada not possessed by any other branches of the Christian community.

Of course, all our readers are familiar with the fact that Presi-

dent Truman promised to discontinue his personal envoy to the Vatican. Latest news reports indicate that he now plans to ask that the United States Senate to confirm an Ambassador to the Vatican.

From the above news dispatch it seems that the same effort is being made in Canada, but with different results. You will note that the Prime Minister frankly said that to appoint an ambassador "would give the Roman Catholic Church a special status in Canada, not possessed by any other branches of Christian community."

That is exactly the stand that Baptists are taking. Why favor the Catholics over other denominations? They are entitled to as much privilege and favor as any other denominations, BUT NOT ONE BIT MORE.

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## Suffer—Children To Come Unto Me

Oftentimes we have heard people at the close of some service when children of tender years, say nine, ten, eleven or twelve, have confessed Jesus Christ as their Saviour and offered themselves for church membership, make slighting remarks about them. Some have said they do not know what they are doing, others that they are too young, and others one slight remark after another.

We wish that all those who have made such remarks could have been present at the recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board when 36 fine young men and young women presented themselves before the board and asked to be appointed for service in various parts of our world.

It was significant that of the 36, 31 were converted before they were twelve years of age. Evidently Christ knew what he was talking about when he said, "Suffer

the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

It is true that when children come they usually come without tears and oftentimes with smiles. But we must remember that they have fewer sins to confess, less sin scars to heal, and not as many worldly practices to overcome.

Evidently Jesus knew what He was talking about when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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## Not What It Seems

News dispatches tell us that the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church has decreed that qualified priests and laymen of the Catholic Church now can obtain from their Bishops permission to take part in mixed reunion discussions instead of having to ask permission of the Holy See.

The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Rome seems to think that this is quite a concession to Baptists and Protestants. But there is a catch to the invitation.

They define reunion as a return of all other denominations to the Roman Catholic Church. IN OTHER WORDS, THE POPE HAS SIMPLY GIVEN PERMISSION TO HIS BISHOPS TO INVITE US TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THAT'S ALL.

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## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

## The Lenten Season

Lent is the forty days' fast in preparation for Easter observed by Catholic and Episcopalian groups and by some others in varying degrees. The "fast" is only relative, being expressed by abstinence from certain kinds of food and from certain pleasures. Now and then even a Baptist speaker is listed as delivering ad-

resses at some "Lenten" service.

We have consulted the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Encyclopedia Americana, the Schaff-Hertzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, the Catholic Encyclopedia and some other works. While there are a few divergencies, there is general agreement with the Catholic Encyclopedia, which is, of course, favorable to Lent. The following are gathered from this work:

1. The best modern scholars reject the view that the Easter fast was of Apostolic institution. We remark that this agrees with Cassian (A.D. 420), who said, as recorded in the Encyclopedia Americana, that the practice was not primitive.

2. Irenaeus (A.D. 130?-202?) knew nothing of a forty days' Easter fast, nor did Tertullian a few years later. The same silence prevails in the pre-Nicene Fathers.

3. The evidence "seems much to suggest that the Church in the Apostolic Age designed to commemorate the Resurrection of Christ, not by an annual, but by a weekly celebration." We observe that this is in harmony with sound Baptist practice.

4. . . . "the annual Easter festival was something super-imposed by a process of natural development." We remark that this necessarily puts Lent in the same category. This Catholic authority thus admits that Lent is unknown to the New Testament.

5. The forty days' Lenten fast was first mentioned in the fifth canon of the Council of Nicea, A.D. 325, which was a meeting of early Catholics. Of course, there were preliminary practices before this here and there which led up to the full-fledged Lenten observance.

The following things call for emphasis:

1. Lent has not scriptural sanction. It was "super-imposed."

2. It originated among ceremonialists and formalists, who had departed from the faith.

3. It arose out of the sacramental idea—the notion that Baptism and the Lord's Supper were saving ordinances instead of simply symbolic. According to Schaff-Hertzog, the custom came in for the baptizer and the candidate to fast and for the Supper to be received with fasting, and out of this came the Easter fast. This was after the sacramental heresy arose. And among those who stress Lent today, the ordinances are still invested with saving significance contrary to New Testament teaching. Many seem to think that somehow the Lenten observance piles up saving merit for the participants.

Through the centuries sound Baptists have stood solidly against the sacramental idea. Their teaching is that people are saved "by grace . . . through faith . . . not of works" (Eph. 2:8-9). They observe the Lord's Day with becoming reverence, since such is indicated in the Scriptures. But sound Baptists have had nothing to do with ecclesiastically developed sacramental "days" of human appointment (Rom. 14:5, 6; Gal. 4:10, 11; Col. 2:14-16).

The editor does not presume to judge unfavorably the motives of anyone in the case. But in all earnestness, it seems to him that Baptists should take no part in Lenten observances either as active worshippers or as speakers. It is inconsistent with grace, plays into the hands of formalists and gives a distinct boost to the sacramental heresy.—Baptist and Reflector.





## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

## NORTH COLUMBIA

Rev. J. R. Eubanks, formerly pastor of the Second Church, Greenville, who began his pastorate at North Columbia a few months ago, has already led the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. The church has re-entered the Ministers Retirement plan and plans are being made for some additions to the building.

During the week of March 19, the church had a Stewardship Revival



REV. J. R. EUBANKS

with local pastors preaching one night each. Those assisting in the service were: Rev. E. L. Howell, Rev. Ivan Lowery, Rev. Guy Little, Rev. O. O. Davis, and Rev. J. T. Tolar.

Marion County Record readers are now listed as follows: Calvary, 12; Bunker Hill, 104; Cedar Grove, 44; Columbia, first, 137; East Columbia, 57; Foxworth, 112; Goss, 68; Greenville, 26; Hickory Grove, 8; Hub, 1; Hurricane Creek, 59; Improve, 98; Kokomo, 50; New Hope, 29; North Columbia, 36; Spring Cottage, 12; Clear Creek, 1; Shiloh, 25.

## MT. OLIVE

Pastor Joe Hudson, being in bed with mumps and having a SWELL time, we had the privilege of preaching for him on March 19.

The church has been redecorated since our last visit there and whoever supervised the job certainly did well.

A good crowd was on hand and the people were enthusiastic about their pastor and about the work.

Record readers in Covington County are now listed as follows: Calvary, 9; Collins, 60; Leaf River, 32; Lebanon, 36; Mt. Moreh, 38; Mt. Olive, 123; New Hope, 41; Ora, 1; Rock Hill, 1; Salem, 115; Sanford, 33; Seminary, 41; Williamsburg, 41; Leflore, 12.

## DAVIS MEMORIAL, JACKSON

While Pastor Gordon Sansing wrestled with the flu, we had the privilege of supply for Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, both morning and evening last Sunday and, believe it or not, the house was full for both services. In fact, at the morning service it was "fuller" than that. Every seat was taken and chairs were placed in every available space.

We have been hearing that they need to build. Now we know it.

Already the foundation for the new plant has been laid, and the people are looking forward anxiously to the

## Fifty-Two Missionaries To Remain In Orient TO BE SHIFTED IF COMMUNISTS INTERFERE IN CHINA



Shown above are the Mississippians who were recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve on foreign fields. They are left to right: Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Hicks, and Rev. and Mrs. David Mayhall. Also shown is A. L. Goodrich Baptist Record editor. The picture was made in front of the Foreign Missions Board building in Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will reorganize mission work in the Orient to keep all available missionaries in Communist China and the surrounding countries, according to a plan adopted recently in the spring meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. The action is based on recommendations by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary to the Orient, and Dr. M. Theron Rankin, general secretary of the Board. New work is planned for India, Siam, Korea, Indonesia, Malaya, and the Philippines where fifteen Southern Baptist missionaries who formerly worked in China are now located.

The 52 missionaries still in Communist China will stay as long as possible and will be joined by others if Communist authorities ease entry restrictions. Meanwhile, plans are being made to redeploy the 52 Chinese-speaking missionaries into the new fields if they find it necessary to leave China.

In South America, Dr. Everett Fill, Jr., field secretary, was authorized to begin operation of a new Spanish-speaking seminary at Cali, Columbia. Rev. W. L. Cooper will serve as president and Anne Margrett as directress of women. The first term of service for Paraguay was shortened to four years and the second to five years.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Cooper is the son of Rev. W. R. Cooper of Jackson

time when they can occupy the new building which is sorely needed.

Record readers in Hinds county are now listed as follows: Alta Woods, 47; Bethesda, 60; Beulah, 50; Bolton, 25; Byram, 41; Chapel Hill, 41; Clinton, 224; Edwards, 32; Elaine, 56; Jackson, Calvary 1145; Jackson, Daniel Memorial, 118; Jackson, Davis Memorial, 118; Jackson, Emmanuel, 45; Jackson, First, 1103; Jackson, Griffith Memorial, 2; Jackson, Northside 351; Jackson, Parkway, 574; Jackson, Van Winkle, 280; Jackson, West, 30; Learned, 18; Leavelle Woods, 19; Midway, 35; Mississippi College BSU, 70; Mt. Morgan, 18; New Haven, 30; Old Byram, 13; Palestine, 24; Pocahontas, 25; Raymond, 81; Salem, 30; Forest Hill 63; Terry, 130; Utica, 76; Jackson, Southside, 154.

and a brother-in-law of State Secretary-elect, Rev. Chester Quarles and Rev. G. Norman Price, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson.

New interest was shown in the use of modern devices for mission work. Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., announced that tow airplanes had been purchased for service in North Brazil. Fon Schofield, director of visual aids for the Board, displayed a new 31-minute sound film on Africa, actually filmed by Mr. Schofield in Nigeria. He announced that three other sound films from Africa will be ready soon. The Board authorized him to make further photographic missions, one to Hawaii in 1950 and one to South America in 1951.

Frank C. Laubach, internationally known authority in the field of adult education, was invited to explain his methods to the Board at their fall meeting, October 10-11. At least one Southern Baptist missionary will attend the Laubach school to learn this new technique of mass education of illiterate adults. Dr. Laubach has devised a plan that enables one person to teach a large group of people to read in a short time.

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## Chicago Club Extends Invitation To S.B.C.

CHICAGO, Ill.—(BP)—Southern Baptists have been invited to attend the Chicago Sunday Evening Club on the Sundays before and after the Convention, according to Albert Joseph McCartney, director. The Sunday Evening Club is a non-sectarian worship service maintained by Christian business men of Chicago every Sunday evening, 8 p. m., in Orchestra Hall, located convenient to all loop hotels.

The speaker for May 7 is Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, a statesman who has accomplished many reforms during his short administration. Mr. Youngdahl is a dedicated Lutheran layman with a powerful platform personality. The speaker for Sunday, May 14, is Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. He is author of a widely read volume on prayer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 26, 1950

Evergreen (Winston County)	63	38
East Fork (Amite County)	101	63
Gulfport, First	792	197
Columbus, First	1,004	324
Kosciusko, First	566	180
Corinth, Tate Street	272	73
Crystal Springs	645	179
Union (Pike County)	67	73
Yazoo City, First	332	76
Hattiesburg, Main Street	886	269
Carmel (Lawrence County)	151	111
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	80	87
Friendship (Pontotoc County)	102	72
Bethel (Pearl River County)	127	109
Mantee	98	100
Union (Alcorn Association)	48	63
Goss	122	102
Siloam (Simpson County)	58	60
Fair River (Lincoln County)	87	58
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	114	69
Brookhaven, First	729	183
Hamilton St. Chapel	121	60
Central Chapel	128	80
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	178	138
Louisville, First	448	76
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	102	37
West Corinth	186	85
Shady Grove (George County)	138	93
Bunker Hill	192	152
Brooklyn	83	60
Lucedale	356	119
Rocky Creek (George County)	198	114
Friendship (Pike County)	168	66
Bethlehem (Scott County)	123	90
East Moss Point	228	95
Laurel, Second Avenue	420	124
Joe Wheeler	31	
Woodville	163	97
Chester (Choctaw County)	70	
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	106	104
East McComb	531	305
County Line (Columbia County)	146	63
Union (Pearl River County)	200	100
Newton	443	201
Pelahatchie	134	44
South McComb	243	57
Center (Union County)	155	70
Calvary (Amite County)	96	111
Pascagoula, First	602	226
Eastlawn Mission	50	25
McArthur St. Mission	33	
Unity Mission	47	48
New Albany, First	734	204
West Laurel	430	133
Meridian, First	779	120
Meridian, 15th Avenue	594	157
Meridian, Highland	516	197
Meridian, Southside	410	181
Meridian, 8th Avenue	352	84
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	345	116
Poplar Springs Drive Mission	49	
Meridian, 41st Avenue	305	102
Meridian, Oakland Heights	159	78
Meridian, Oak Grove	140	99
Meridian, Key Field	109	44
Jackson, First	1,331	441
Jackson, North Side	578	159
Jackson, South Side	283	100
Jackson, Van Winkle	426	213
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	345	116
Jackson, Elaine	138	84
Jackson, Parkway	819	304
Parkway Chapel	72	47
March 19, 1950		
New Albany, First	750	153
Brookhaven, First	705	
Hamilton St. Chapel	108	
Central Chapel	113	
Union (Pearl River County)	166	141
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	64	
Yazoo City, First	343	
South McComb	239	60

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Only one out of every seven mission volunteers reaches the foreign field, according to figures recently quoted by Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.



## Sparks & Splinters

**BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MARCH 23**—Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City, was elected president of the student government council of Blue Mountain College for next session.

**REV. JAMES A. BRYANT, PASTOR** at South McComb Church, is serving on active duty in the Air Force for 17 days. During his absence at the church the Rev. N. A. Edmonds is serving as supply pastor.

**PAYNES CHURCH, REV. C. L. BOLAND, pastor,** will observe Youth Week April 2-9.

**ROBERT E. LEE, NATIVE MISSISSIPPIAN,** has completed his fifth year as pastor of the Bayshore Church in Tampa, Florida. He is from the White Sand Church near Prentiss and is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary.

**THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS** sent to President Truman: As descendants of those who died for religious freedom and who aided in incorporating religious freedom into the American way of life, the pastor and members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi, respectfully ask that you do not appoint nor cause to be named a personal representative to the Vatican. We are unalterably opposed to such representation and feel that an ambassador or representative to Rome is a violation of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Furthermore, we feel that if such representative is named it will only be a step in destroying religious freedom we now enjoy. As Baptists who love freedom we are ready to fight and to die for our beloved country against Russia or any other nation, but we are not willing to be tied to any ecclesiastical hierarchy whose record is red with the blood of our forefathers. These are not opinions. They are convictions. Our love of religious freedom dictates that we must stand by them, God being our helper. We pray for you as our leader. May God bless you and guide you in these times of storm and stress, is our prayer.

L. E. HOLLEY,  
Church Clerk  
VIRGIL RATCLIFF,  
Moderator

**WEBB CHURCH CONCLUDED A RE-  
vival** on March 10 in which Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of the Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, did the preaching. The music director at Webb church surrendered special Christian Service. Several were received for baptism and by letter. Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., is the pastor.

**THOSE IN THE MINISTRY, AS WELL as others,** will enjoy an article in the April issue of **THE BAPTIST STUDENT MAGAZINE** entitled "O Heavenly Fowl." The writer is Riley Munday, Student Secretary at Mississippi Southern.

**ONCE AGAIN WE CALL THE AT-  
tention** of our readers to the fact that we do not use unsigned communications. Last week we had an unsigned article and as usual it went in the waste basket. Today we have a marked paper mailed to us by somebody in Indianola. There was no name on it and it went the way of all unsigned articles. In other words, anybody that's ashamed to have their name signed to an article must have some reason for being thus ashamed.

**SHAWNEE, OKLA.,—THOMAS B. LAC-  
key,** assistant executive-secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, will be given the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Oklahoma Baptist university at the spring commencement, June 5, announces Dr. John W. Paley, president.

**Dr. R. G. Lee:** "The Advance Program indicates that Southern Baptists are advancing in missionary enterprise from desires to deeds."

**THE MANY MISSISSIPPI FRIENDS** of Dr. John E. Barnes, Sr., who now lives at 1456 Esclava Street, Mobile, Alabama, and the father of the pastor of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, will rejoice with him on his 81st birthday which he celebrated on March 8.

**OF THE 27,285 CHURCHES IN THE** Southern Baptist Convention, 32.3 per cent have fewer than 100 members; 47.3 per cent have from 100 to 300; 10.4 per cent have from 300 to 500; churches with more than 1,000 members are located in Texas.

**PALESTINE CHURCH IN HINDS** County is a long-time friend of the Baptist Record. The most recent evidence of that is a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Palestine now has 23 Records going into the homes of Palestine Baptists.

**ERROR CORRECTED: BY AN OVER-  
sight** it was stated in last week's issue that "Hal D. Bennett, the associate editor of this paper since April 23, 1947 . . ." The truth is that Mr. Bennett has been associate editor of the Alabama Baptist since 1947.

**A SURVEY OF THE UNITED STEW-  
ardship Council** of 16 major denominations for the period since 1925 shows that Southern Baptists lead in gains in both membership and gifts. During the period, Southern Baptist membership has gained 67 per cent and gifts have jumped 319 per cent. During the same period, Methodists have gained 31 per cent in membership and 42 per cent in gifts; Disciples of Christ have gained 18 per cent in membership and 57 per cent in gifts; Presbyterian U. S. A. has gained 27 per cent in membership and 50 per cent in gifts; and Episcopalians 39 per cent in membership and 68 per cent in gifts. Northern Baptists have climbed 10 per cent in membership, and 46 per cent in gifts.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of **STUDENT HANDBOOK, 1949,** edited by Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, director of public relations of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. It contains the pictures of officers, faculty, students, their addresses at Louisville and their home addresses and much other useful information. The following students are listed from Mississippi: Helen Dale Armstrong, Georgetown; James Franklin Atkinson, Jr., Sartartia; Tracy B. Barnette, Jr., DeKalb; Scuyler Morris Batson, Gulfport; George Truett Boyd, Prentiss; Daniel Baker Cameron, Meridian; Emmett Wayne Coleman, Louisville; Alvin Oakley Collins, Myrtle; Joe M. Cooper, Oakland; Herschell Eugene Crawford, Meridian; John N. DeFoore, Sidon; M. Lee Ferrell, Greenville; A. Jack Glaze, Jr., Pelahatchee; David Ruff Grant, Plantersville; William L. Heath, New Albany; James Devee Hillman, Leakesville; James Albert Hurt, Louisville; Ernest Earl Kelly, Jr., Ecu; Robert Furman Kenney, Tupelo; Harold T. Kitchens, Clinton; Paul Wesley Kolb, Blue Springs; Clarence Ray Lasseter, Harpersville; Ludie R. Magers, Guntown; David N. Mayhall, Cleveland; John Green McDonald, Vicksburg; Clark W. McMurray, Doddsville; Quentin M. Perreault, Canton; Richard E. Price, Corinth; Joel D. Ray, Corinth; W. Elmore Ray, Walnut; James Burton Riley, Hattiesburg; Frank H. Royce, Pontotoc; Truett S. Smith, Jackson; John W. Steen, Jr., Jackson; Joe H. Stovall, Jr., Clinton; Frank Hughes Thomas, Vicksburg; Robert Goodwin Thompson, Plantersville; Thomas Herschel Thornell, Meridian; Charles Rolfe Tucker, Clarksdale; Taylor Harrison Wallace, Crystal Springs.

**THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RE-  
ceived** a copy of the minutes of the Tishomingo Association, which met at the Iuka Church. The next meeting will be at New Prospect Church. In the front of the book is an index to the 23 pages. Claude C. Boothe is moderator of the association and Mrs. Paul Skinner is the clerk.

## Earl Wells Ordained



REV. EARL WELLS

Rev. Earl Wells, of Newton, was ordained on March 24 to the full ministry of the gospel at the Eleventh Avenue Mission in Meridian, which is sponsored by the Poplar Springs Drive Church. Mr. Wells is pastor of the mission.

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**REV. W. C. HOWARD, PASTOR OF** the First Church, Water Valley, will assist Duck Hill and Pastor J. M. Metts in a revival meeting April 2-8.

### FIVE REQUISITES TO BAPTISM:

1. A proper subject, a believer; 2. a proper authority, a New Testament Church; 3. A proper act, burial in water and rising from a watery grave; 4. a proper formula, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"; 5. A proper design or purpose, a symbolic memorial of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

**REV. BRYAN JUDGE WHO BEFORE** leaving Mississippi was a Methodist pastor, is now serving as pastor of the Grace Temple Baptist Church, Kermit, Texas. He has been serving Baptist churches since 1945 and baptized almost 100 during the past year. The Sunday School, Training Union, offering and attendance have all increased under his leadership. He writes feelingly of the influence of Mrs. L. E. Nelson of the First Church, Jackson, who had a great deal to do with his becoming a Baptist.

**HERBERT BATSON, WHO WAS FOR-  
merly** educational director at Clinton, and who went from there to Oklahoma City, is now Minister of Music at the First Church of Kerens, Texas. Mr. Batson is enrolled in the Southwestern Seminary in both the School of Religious Education and the School of Music, and is working toward two degrees, the M. R. E. and the B. S. M.

**SMITHFIELD, N. C.—(RNS)—TOWN** commissioners here have cut the electric rate for churches of the community. The action followed presentation of a petition from churches of five denominations requesting such action. The petition, signed by ministers and laymen of the Methodist, Baptist Presbyterian, Episcopal and Disciples churches, stressed that the churches are not profit-making institutions but are dedicated to service to the community. The Board of Commissioners lowered the rate two cents, from six to four cents per kilowatt hour.

**NEW HOPE CHURCH IN SUNFLOW-  
er** County held a study course the week of March 20. Sixty were enrolled. The following books were studied: Adults, "Building a Christian Home," W. E. Palmer, teacher; Young People, "The Books of the Bible," Mrs. Earl Bibbs, teacher; Intermediates, "A Faith We Live By," Rev. Claude Howe, teacher; Juniors, "This Book Is My Bible," Mrs. W. E. Palmer and Mrs. Ephriam Phillips, teachers.

**REV. AND MRS. JAMES A. FOSTER,** foreign missionaries, have announced the birth of a daughter, Sandra Dean, on March 12. Mr. Foster is a native of Jackson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, and Mrs. Foster, nee Zelma Van Osdol, is a native of Pascagoula, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Osdol. Their address is: No. 14 Street 60, Baguio City, Philippines.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MARCH 23**—Another quartet has been formed at Blue Mountain College—a freshman quartet composed of Mary Martha McClain, Quincy, Fla.; Loleta LeGates, Colmar Manor, Md.; Creely Neal Myatt, Houston; and Miriam Stacy, Tupelo. Martha Edge, Montgomery, Ala., is the accompanist.

**THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RE-  
ceived** a copy of the minutes of the Pearl River County Association which held its 93rd annual session with the Roseland Park Church, Picayune. Rev. Charles R. Davis is the moderator and Otis R. Smith is the clerk. Included in the minutes is a well prepared index, which is a time-saver in searching its 48 pages.

**DURING SPRING HOLIDAYS AT** Mississippi College, several members of the faculty attended meetings of groups in their various fields. Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible and Religious Education and Dean, attended the regional conference of the National Association of Biblical Instructors at Nashville. Prof. Paul Fisher, Band Director, attended the National Association of Music Educators at St. Louis. Prof. H. A. Carlock visited several universities to look over physics laboratories and search for new ideas. Mrs. Grace M. Esley, Dean of Women attended the National Association of Deans of Women, of which she is a member.

**"THE REGISTER," NATIONAL CATH-  
olic** journal, reports that of 328 Catholic hospitals in the U. S. A., 76 have construction programs in progress amounting to \$91,000,000.00 and that 40 percent of them are receiving aid from the Federal Government. So there is where a big chunk of tax money paid by Baptists is going, namely to build Catholic institutions. But some of our Baptist hospitals are getting Federal money. So, what can we say? This is one reason for high income taxes.

**IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE** Baptist Record there was carried an advertisement of Ford's Nursery of Magnolia. The readers of the Baptist Record are urged to give this nursery consideration when they plan to buy plants. He has an attractive offer on camellias and azaleas.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES** sponsored 798 Vacation Bible schools in Negro churches during 1949.

**NEW YORK—OPPOSITION TO THE** appointment of a successor to Myron C. Taylor, who resigned several months ago as the President's personal representative to the Vatican, was voiced in a resolution unanimously adopted here by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches. The resolution, which will be presented to Secretary of teachers of Bible, and religious education, and field workers, will meet at expressed the view that Taylor's appointment in the past had created "needless religious tension."

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### THE FIVE STORIES OF MAN (\$2.00)

by David Gordon presents five stories of man that are true to life, and which are based on stories of the Bible. They are entitled *The Twentieth Century Man*, *The Modern Cain and Abel*, *The Great Someone*, *The Corpse Accuses*, and *The War Without Men*. The stories have an educational thought and a philosophical meaning in their own way. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, or from the Baptist Book Store.



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

MAY is Associational Elimination time for the various contests. Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director of Covington Co. has led the association to set up as an annual occasion an "all day" meeting with "dinner on the ground" for their elimination contests. She says they had it like this in 1949 and everyone liked it so well they adopted it as an annual affair. This gives time for the program. If many churches cooperate in these features it just takes a long time to recognize all the contestants. We pass this on as a fine plan for any association. But HAVE it even though you cannot have an all day meeting.

May 2 is the All Day Directors meeting in Jackson. No, not ALL day, just five hours. The program will begin at 11:00 A. M. and will close at 4:00 P. M., thus giving those coming the farthest ample time to be there for the opening. We will discuss such matters as—Programs With Power, Power Through Programs, Reaching the Masses for Training, Making Mission a Reality, Shaping Plans for the 1951 Evangelistic Crusade, A Calendar of Activities for the Year including Routine and Promotional Projects. Theme for the Year—In Christ, is God's Everlasting YES! A Christ Centered Training Union in every church is the goal for which we strive. Join us in it. Churches, send your pastor and director to this meeting May 2.

### Junior Memory Work Drill

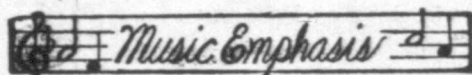
We are sponsoring as a part of our Training Union Conventions, a Memory Work Drill for boys and girls 9-12 inclusive. We urge that each leader take the material on this sheet plus what is given in the quarterlies and endeavor to teach it to every Junior in the Union. Each union should have an elimination contest and send all who are perfect, or the two best, to the association. Every association should have an elimination contest, sending all who are perfect, or the two best, to the District Convention. If your association does not have such meeting, you may bring your representatives to the District Convention. The Juniors will be quizzed on the following:

1. They will be expected to know all the Memory Verses for January through June, 1950 for the Association and District Drill and Jan. through September, 1950, for the State Convention. They are to give the verses exactly as they are given in the quarterly, including the Scripture references.
2. Name the Books of the Bible.
3. a. What is a law? (A law is a rule of conduct given us by someone who knows the best way for us to live together to be happy, and respect each other's rights.)
- b. Where do we find our laws? (The Bible is our rule of faith and practice. It tells us how to act toward God and toward one another.)
- c. What does the Bible say about God's law? (Learn the verse and reference.) "The Law of the Lord is perfect." Psalm 19:7.
- d. What were God's first laws called? (The Ten Command-

ments) To whom were they given? (Moses.)

4. We should remember: (Quote verse and reference.)
  - a. How to act in God's House—Psalm 29:2.
  - b. The first and second greatest commandments Jesus gave—Mark 12:30-31.
  - c. When we are tempted to get even with someone—Luke 6:31.
  - d. When someone does us a wrong—Matthew 5:44.
  - e. When we get mad—Proverbs 15:1.
5. What does God want us to say about His laws? (Give both verses and references.) Psalm 119:97; Exodus 24:7.
6. Learn the following steps showing how one may become a Christian. (Be able to give reference and quote verse.)
  - a. All of us have sinned—Romans 3:23.
  - b. We cannot save ourselves—Ephesians 2:8.
  - c. We must go to Jesus—John 6:37b.
  - d. We must be sorry for our sins and turn away from them—Luke 13:3.
  - e. We must trust Jesus to save us—Acts 16:31.

At our State Convention, the Junior Memory Work Drill is a demonstration, and not a contest.



### A Song Leader In Every Church

It is not the purpose of this article to give the idea that congregational singing is impossible where a song leader is not used, but to emphasize the well known fact that a good song leader will aid greatly in promoting a great program of congregational singing. Suggestions are listed below.

**Purpose of Having A Leader:** It has been found that much of the work and responsibility in the services will be taken from the shoulders of the preacher by the song leader. It has been found that more people join in the singing if a leader stands before them. Better music will be planned if the right person is selected to lead the singing. Briefly, the song leader is to assist in leading the people into a spirit of worship through better singing.

**Church Responsibility in Selecting a Leader:** Musicianship plus a person with deep spiritual concepts make a most acceptable song leader. However, it is not absolutely necessary to have a professional musician to serve as song leader. In selecting a leader, the church should select a spiritual Christian, a person who will cooperate with the pastor, a person who has some native ability which will enable him to learn more about music and how to lead more efficiently, a person who is willing to study, and make an effort to learn more music, a person who will be willing to give some time to the planning of the music program, and a person who will give some time to the development of choirs and special groups in the church membership. These requirements are not too heavy for a person who is in charge of such an important phase of the church work as the music program.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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Mr. Paul Boothe, Associate Sunday School Secretary for Mississippi, and Miss Nell Taylor, our State Y. W. A. Leader, are to appear on the program of the State Retreat for BSU Officers to be held at Jones Junior College, Ellisville, April 21-22.



## Satartia Church Has Youth Revival

A Youth Revival was held recently at the Satartia Church, using the theme "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The team of workers were Mississippi College students: Rev. Newell Massey did the preaching; Carol Freeman led the singing, Jane Evans and Welcome Cowart were pianists and soloists. Rev. George Raborn is the pastor.

There were two professions of faith and many rededications.

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DR. J. S. RISER, JR., PASTOR OF the Webb Church, will lead in revivals at New Madrid, Missouri, and at Jackson, Louisiana, the second and third weeks in April, respectively.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

### 50 YEARS AGO

At long last the town of Clinton gave a "quit claim title" of the Mississippi College property and all the endowment (\$50,000) to the Baptists of the state—a "noble" and "generous" act, says the writer.

### 40 YEARS AGO

The Belzoni Church reports \$263 raised for Foreign Missions, an increase of \$200.00 over the previous year. Pastor—Rev. W. E. Farr.

Rev. J. E. Wills of China as missionary, supported "by the First Church, Jackson, writes that he is "well and happy and getting on fine." He enjoys the Baptist Record so much.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The First Church, McComb, closed the first revival meeting in their new \$110,000 house of worship, the pastor J. W. Mayfield by invitation of the church doing the preaching. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rockwell, formerly with the Billy Sunday forces, "led the singing in a marvelous manner." Results: "Membership of the church was revived in a great way, and 63 names added to the church roll."

The Sunday School of the Hernando Church has recently increased from sixty to 100 enrollment under the leadership of Superintendent Hugh Foster who had been holding this office for twenty-five years. The pastor: Rev. W. Q. Maer; reporter.

### POTPOURRI

One of our public Jr. College professors has expressed to us a desire to teach in a Baptist college. Do you know of an opening? . . . We believe that under Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, recently selected as successor to Dr. Frank Leavell, BSU will continue to grow as an increasingly vital factor of our denomination's witness for Christ in this lost world. Let's pray often and earnestly for Dr. Keegan and the others in the South-wide Student Dept. for theirs is a stupendous task. . . . College pastors, again we urge you to go with your students to the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 7-14. And all pastors, again we urge you to send in your requests for Youth Revival teams soon. . . . Students at Miss. College gave \$411.04 to the cause of Christ last month. Five joined the Clinton Church.

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## Blind Readers Enjoy Baptist Mag

One Braille reader of every four in the United States reads the Braille Evangel, a magazine for the visually handicapped, estimates Editor Edwin Wilson of Fort Worth.

Copies are sent free on request to Braille readers in this and 25 other countries. Subscription costs, provided by free-will offerings, approximate \$10 per year.

Content of the Braille Evangel is inspirational, doctrinal and devotional matter, largely selected from Southern Baptist papers by the blind editor.

The magazine is under the direction of a board of 19 Southern Baptist leaders from Texas and Oklahoma to the Atlantic seaboard.

Requests for the magazine encourage Mr. Wilson to face many difficulties. "The Braille Evangel is beyond question the best religious publication available in Braille," writes a blind musician on a college faculty. This statement is echoed by a blind girl of 20 in Georgia who adds, "the articles are religious, timely and informative."

From Piraeus, Greece, a preacher testifies, "The well-chosen and inspiring articles of Braille Evangel are enabling me to fight, overcome, and master my handicap of total blindness."



## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

### LOTTIE MOON FOREIGN MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERINGS

#### A RECORD REACHED!

Total Gifts, 75,032.44

The largest number of Societies observed the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer that have ever observed any week of prayer. 720 of the 759 societies observed this week of prayer with an offering—this was a gain of 48 societies over the year before. There were 88 societies that made an offering in 1949 that didn't in 1948; there were 36 societies that gave in 1948 that didn't in 1949; 326 societies gave less in 1949 than in 1948; the total offering in 1948 was \$76,134.07.

#### DISTRICT I

##### COPIAH—

Antioch	\$ 28.12
Bethel	17.07
County Line	40.00
Crystal Springs	240.00
Gallman	15.75
Georgetown	106.86
Harmony	7.00
Hazlehurst	520.85
Hopewell	20.60
Pine Bluff	4.75
Pleasant Hill	10.40
Sardis	20.00
Shady Grove	17.50
Smyrna	15.00
Spring Hill	20.00
Strong Hope	20.00
Wesson	51.98
Sylvarena	30.00
Damascus	36.06
Zion Hill	10.00
Pilgrim's Rest	15.50

##### HINDS—

Bethesda	\$ 111.85
Clinton	1032.54
Jackson, Calvary	1079.65
Jackson, Daniel	41.58
Jackson, Davis Memorial	50.00
Jackson, First	3175.00
Jackson, Griffith	166.87
Jackson, Northside	631.43
Jackson, Parkway	260.05
Jackson, Southside	53.94
Jackson, Van Winkle	189.23
Midway	19.13
Raymond	222.20
Forest Hill (Siwell)	20.05
Terry	91.31
Utica	64.54
Byram	30.00
West Jackson	7.50
Salem	13.00
Edwards	30.00
Alta Woods	37.55
Leavell Woods	30.00
Immanuel	60.40
Miss. College (Y. W. A.)	12.15
New Haven	8.00
Elaine	25.00
Parkway Chapel	60.00
Pocahontas	39.00

##### HOLMES—

Cruger	\$ 20.00
Durant	69.92
Goodman	47.70
Lexington	83.79
Pickens	114.50
Tchula	92.50
Beulah	25.00

##### MADISON—

Oamden	\$ 15.50
Canton, First	411.00
Canton, Center Terrace	31.00
Flora	156.23
Madison	49.00
Ridgeland	20.75

##### RANKIN—

Brandon	\$ 80.51
Briar Hill	134.60
Clear Branch	20.00
Clear Creek or Puckett	23.25
East Side	19.75
Leesburg	21.85

Mt. Pisgah	55.11
Oakdale	88.15
Pearl City	5.00
Pelahatchie	68.43
Richland	26.52
Star	47.48
Steen's Creek	96.00
Union Church	6.25
Paul Truitt Memorial	40.00
Concord	1.85
Cross Roads	28.10

##### SIMPSON—

Bethlehem	\$ 39.04
Beulah	12.50
Braxton	59.30
D'Lo	2.70
Good Water	15.11
Harrisville	24.46
Magee	404.00
Mendenhall	126.05
Palestine	7.50
Pinola	20.00
Pleasant Hill	10.75
Shivers	12.25
Stonewall	15.00
Gum Springs	5.00
Coats	4.50
Mt. Zion	28.04

##### WARREN—

Antioch	\$ 17.00
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	155.95
Vicksburg, Calvary	10.00
Vicksburg, First	461.99
Vicksburg, Immanuel	74.11
Woodlawn	16.23
King's Point Mission	10.00

##### YAZOO—

Anding	\$ 7.50
Bentonla	42.00
Black Jack	50.00
Cenler Ridge	28.00
Eden	15.00
Ogden	26.00
Oil City	30.35
Yazoo City, First	333.00
Yazoo City, Second	66.56
Concord	71.25
Tinsley	15.25
Yazoo City, Grace	5.00
Hebron	196.70

#### DISTRICT II

##### BOLIVAR—

Benoit	\$ 40.00
Boyle	81.00
Cleveland	440.00
Duncan	58.29
Interstate	5.00
Merigold	101.10
Morrison Chapel	27.65
Pace	12.10
Rosedale	113.10
Shaw	130.00
Shelby	62.00
Skene	15.00
Sunny Side	4.00
Gunnison	24.55

##### DEER CREEK—

Anguilla	\$ 100.00
Arcola	84.25
Cary	10.00
Catchings	8.00
Darlove	17.00
Greenville, East Side	35.43
Greenville, First	920.00
Greenville, Second	103.00
Hollandale	219.73
Isola	18.40
Leland	1000.00
Rolling Fork	77.00
Swift Water	5.50
St. Bayou	8.52
Belzoni, Calvary	5.00
Belzoni, First	761.10

##### LEFLORE—

Greenwood, First	\$ 651.10
Greenwood, Second or Calvary	122.10
Itta Bena	280.00
Money, Riverside	365.00
Morgan City	75.00
Schlater	20.50

Sidon	46.00
Mt. Vernon	34.00
SUNFLOWER—	
Bethel, No. 5	\$ 10.00
Blaine	9.75
Drew	336.48
Doddsville	75.00
Fairview, Bethel No. 3	41.50
Indianola	180.00
Inverness	117.22
Linn Church	28.75
New Hope	18.35
Moorhead	58.00
Rome	14.00
Ruleville	233.16
Sunflower	127.55
Bethany	16.00
Dockery	4.70

##### RIVERSIDE—

Belen	\$ 22.00
Clarksdale	322.54
Crowder	252.50
Darling	15.80
Dundee	22.00
Jonestown	24.00
Lula	150.00
Lyon	78.50
Marks	209.07
Sledge	36.60
Tunica	201.66
Reynold's Memorial	10.95

#### DISTRICT III

##### CALHOUN—

Banner	\$ 15.00
Bruce	189.37
Calhoun City	359.45
Derma	46.00
Pittsboro	25.58
Slate Springs or Bethany	67.00
Vardaman	84.00
Calvary	41.50
Sabougla	20.75
College Hill	20.00
Big Creek	5.00
CARROLL—	
Carrollton	\$ 16.05
North Carrollton	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	3.00
Vaiden	8.50

##### DE SOTO—

Eudora	\$ 139.50
Hernando	124.26
Horn Lake	31.60
Olive Branch	41.00
Pleasant Hill	25.00
Macedonia	5.00
Eudora, Trinity	8.55

##### GRENADA—

Grenada	\$ 700.00
Holcomb	14.00
LAFAYETTE—	
Abbeville	\$ 10.00
Oxford	250.00
Yellow Leaf	57.00

##### MARSHALL—

Byhalla	139.38
Coldwater	10.35
Holly Springs	200.79
Potts Camp	13.00
Red Banks (Pleasant Grove)	3.00
Slayden	33.50

##### MONTGOMERY—

Duck Hill	\$ 44.50
Kilmichael	20.00
Winona	283.62

##### PANOLA—

Batesville	\$ 332.20
Como	60.00
Courtland	26.77
Orenshaw	28.75
Goodhope	14.00
Liberty Hill	11.25
McIvor	17.50
Peach Creek	66.00
Pope	10.00
Sardis	13.50
Tocowa	11.00
Union Church	5.00
White Oak Grove	6.50
Hebron	11.39

(To Be Cont'd Later)

## Billy Fondren Wins Place In Boys Choir IS GREENVILLE ROYAL AMBASSADOR-IN-CHIEF



BILLY FONDREN

Billy Fondren, Ambassador-in-Chief of the Chastain Royal Ambassador Chapter of the First Church of Greenville, recently won a place in the world famed Apollo Boy's Choir of Dallas, Texas.

Billy competed with other boys in Memphis, Tenn., and won the right to represent the Mid-South in the finals where he competed with 55 other boys from the United States and Canada in Texas to win second place. He was given \$450 scholarship and joined the famed singing group of 25 boys immediately.

Mrs. Andrew Alexander is the Counselor for the Chastain Chapter. Billy will be making his first appearance in Oklahoma City in March, then later he will go to Palm Beach, Fla., for summer training.

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## Philadelphia Plans Revival March 31

Philadelphia Church in Lincoln County will hold a Youth Revival March 31-April 2. Services will begin at 7:30. Three services have been planned for Sunday, and dinner will be served at the church.

Rev. Joe H. Cothen, Jr., will do the preaching. Rev. R. A. Hancock, pastor, will lead the singing. Neighboring churches are cordially invited to attend.

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## Church Officials Get Cancellation Of Beer Executive's Talk

INDIANAPOLIS—(RNS)—Protests by local church officials caused the cancellation here of a scheduled speech on government by a beer industry executive before 500 high school pupils.

The invited speaker was Harold C. Feightner, executive director of the Indiana Brewers' Association. Feightner, a writer on political subjects and author of a book on state government, was to have spoken on "Present Tendencies in the Legislature."

Objectors included Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Church Federation. He charged that Mr. Feightner's beer connections made him an improper speaker for a school forum.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS DENOMINATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE

### What Mississippi Woman's College Means To Me!

The Lord led me to Mississippi Woman's College, and here I found the Spirit of Christ. Christian education has taught me to say, with Paul, "Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God." It is the outliving of the in-living Christ that counts! I think Mississippi Baptists should support Woman's College because this school is filling a definite need for our Lord and Saviour.

I want other students to come and realize that our purpose is to live Christ and make Him known to others.

—BETTY JO SHIELDS, President,  
Baptist Student Union



BETTY JO SHIELDS

### Why Baptists Should Support Mississippi Woman's College:

1. **It is Christ centered.** The Christian spirit and constant revival is the normal condition on the campus.
2. **Superior faculty** - ranks in the upper third among the faculties of the Southern Baptist universities and colleges. Each a consecrated Christian.
3. **Superior student body** - each student a consecrated Christian with a preference for Christian values.
4. **Superior buildings and facilities** - known as the most beautiful school plant in the country.
5. **It's Mississippi Baptists' greatest opportunity** - South Mississippi, where one-half the people are, and on the great Gulf Coast, with a population of 3,000,000 people. The national average indicates that college students go to college within a radius of 15 miles of their homes.
6. There is a **rising demand for Mississippi Woman's College** that must be answered.
7. **God raised her up and her success is inevitable.**

**Mississippi Woman's College Endowment**  
**Remember April 23 - October 15**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. CECIL H. SMITH, Office Secretary

### A GREAT CONVENTION!

Our state Sunday School Convention at Greenwood, March 14-15, was really a great one.

More than 700 people were there, and they came from all corners of the state. They were there for business.

The program went along without the slightest bobble, with every one doing his or her part in a noble manner.

The local people cared for us perfectly. They were great. To Pastor Kyzar and his people we express sincere thanks for such wonderful treatment of us all.

### MORE STANDARDS

Schools: Oakvale, Rev. A. R. Smith, pastor, Mr. H. L. Speights, superintendent.

Departments: Adult No. 2, Parkway, Jackson, Mr. Earl L. Clark, Supt.; Nursery No. 3, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mrs. T. T. Lambert; Beginner No. 1, Gulfport First, Miss Frances Berry; Beginner, Long Beach, Mrs. K. C. Vick; Primary, Philadelphia First, Mrs. Kay Walton; Primary, Jackson First, Mrs. Purser Hewitt; Junior, Corinth First, Mrs. L. F. Garrett.

Classes: Adult—Philathea, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. Bethel Ferguson, teacher; Lydia, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. B. E. Clark; June Luffman, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. C. A. Smith; Golden Circle, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Mrs. L. W. Ferrell; Tigapa, Pascagoula Calvary, Mrs. M. S. Varnado; Golden Circle, Crystal Springs, Mrs. J. K. Williams; Gleaners, Crystal Springs, Mrs. W. W. Price, Sr.

Intermediate—16-Year Boys Hattiesburg Fifth Ave., Mr. L. C. English; True Blue, Hattiesburg, Main Street, Mrs. F. W. Chappell; 13-Year Boys, Hattiesburg Fifth Ave., Mr. J. D. Headrick; Daughters, of Ruth, West Point First, Mrs. F. W. Chappell.

Junior—Hattiesburg Main Street, Dept. II: The Marys, Mrs. J. C. Buckley; Willing Workers, Mr. R. T. Price; Up Streamers, Mrs. L. C. Gunn; Church Goers, Mrs. G. A. Chancellor; Shining Lights, Mr. J. E. Parker; King's Workers, Mr. W. M. Moody. Corinth First: Blessing Bearers, Mrs. Cecil Murdock; Cheerful Helpers, Mrs. Arthur Shook; Doers of the Word, Mrs. Chad Archie; Blessing Bearers, Mr. Plummer F. Hussey. Hattiesburg First, Dept. II, Marys, Miss Janie Ferguson.

Primary—Picayune First: 1st year, Mrs. Ernest Stewart; 2nd year, Mrs. C. F. White; 2nd year, Mrs. Clyde E. Stewart; 1st year, Mrs. Lawrence Penton. Philadelphia First: 1st year, Mrs. R. L. Edwards; 1st year, Mrs. D. L. Hamilton; 2nd year, Mrs. Denton Bush. Jackson First, 2nd year, Miss Kathleen Griffin; 2nd year, Miss Julia Toy Hewitt; 2nd year, Miss Betty Watkins; 3rd year, Mrs. C. C. Johnson; 3rd year, Mrs. Osborn Ishee; 3rd year, Mrs. George H. Moore; 2nd year, Miss Mildred Sullivan.

Surely, we are indeed most grateful to the leaders of all these standard units for their very excellent work. What these have done many others can and should do. Why not try it?

Remember: Standard units are better.

### AND STILL THEY GROW

We just keep getting those encouraging reports of growth in many schools, and we want to keep on getting them. Let us hear from you.

Runnelstown school, Perry association, has grown from 26 to 85 in the last few months, and their goal is 150 by summer.

Rocky Creek, George association, has increased classes from 8 to 23 and the enrolment has grown by 100 within less than two years.

Pearl River association is in a study course campaign with about 25 churches studying a book on Evangelism, preparing for the revivals. Also, 24 of their 30 churches are full-time. How's that for a record, with all of them but a few being rural churches? It can be done.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It was good that we could report to you that last year we had 925 Vacation Bible schools—22 of them being Mission schools and 29 being Negro schools—and that our enrollment exceeded 75,000.

Since Vacation Bible schools are to help the pupils, there should be as many as possible, for as many days as possible, and three hours every day if possible, and for every age group from the Beginner through the Intermediate. Ten days; three hours a day; Preparation Day also; and all four departments or age groups—Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate. It takes as much work to get ready for a five-day as a ten-day school; for a two-hour-a-day school as three hours; for two departments as four; and it costs almost as much. The pupils get ten times as much from a ten-day as a five-day school.

Many are planning for Vacation Bible schools now. This is the best time to do it. If we do not get this planned early, many things may slip in and make our schedule so full that we would not have a school. We are anxious for you to have a school and we invite your requests for materials or for other help that we may be able to give.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 3—Mrs. R. P. Bailey, Lauderdale WMU Associational Young People's Leader; Mrs. T. W. Goodwin, Grenada Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

April 4—Dr. Ralph E. Dunham, Blue Mountain College faculty; Stewardship Conference Week, April 4-6.

April 5—Woodrow Hall, Simpson Associational Brotherhood President; Rev. Guy Reedy, District 4, BTU President.

April 6—Dr. Charles S. Henderson, DeSoto County Convention Board member; S. A. Rhodes, Clarke College faculty.

April 7—Mrs. Leo Fillingame, Woman's College faculty; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond, Board of Ministerial Education.

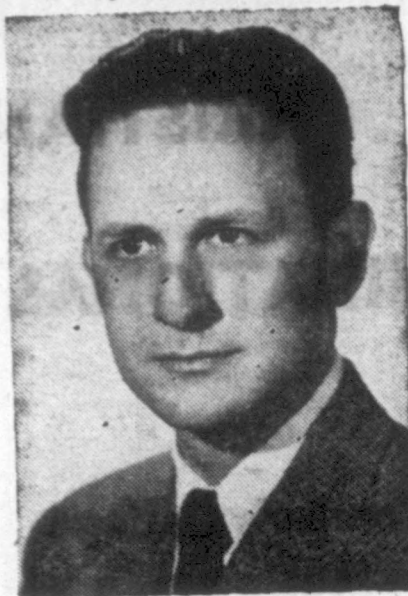
April 8—Mrs. Jewel, Pilot, Supervisor, Baptist Hospital.

April 9—W. N. Puckett, Columbus, Baptist Foundation trustee.

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"EVEN AS YOU CAN'T OUTFRIN God when you dodge His Will, it is equally impossible to outrun his care when you are in His Will."—Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions, Southwestern Seminary.

## R. L. Palmer Resigns Baldwyn Pastorate



DR. ROBERT L. PALMER

Dr. Robert L. Palmer, pastor, First Church, Baldwyn, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

A native of Blue Mountain, and long-time resident of Memphis, he graduated at Louisiana College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other pastorates include the Longview Heights Church of Memphis and the Napoleon Avenue Church of New Orleans.

During his ministry the Baldwyn Church has received 123 additions, 66 for baptism. The budget has climbed from \$11,500 to \$17,500, extensive improvements have been made to the building and three-fourths of the necessary amount has been raised to purchase the clinic next door as an educational building.

The Murfreesboro Church, situated in a city of 14,000, has 1300 members, has freed the building from all indebtedness and recently turned the pastorium into an educational building. The former pastor, Dr. Griffin Henderson, is Baptist Student Secretary at the University of Tenn.

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### MRS. JOHN L. TAYLOR

When the gentle soul of Mrs. John L. Taylor was called to the great beyond there was left a deep sorrow in the hearts of all those who knew her.

Whereas, in the passing of our beloved friend and co-worker, the Eupora Baptist Missionary Union has sustained a distinct loss, therefore it

Resolved: That we ever try to emulate the beautiful examples of her life. Always kind, gentle, and gracious, her life was beautiful in that she reflected the spirit of Christ in whom she believed. During the years she capably filled most every office in the W. M. U. and through her inspiration and guidance we were led to realize more fully the purpose and plan God has for each of his children.

Though her earthly pilgrimage is ended, her kind deeds and influence for good will continue to live. We miss her deeply but will say "Well done thy good and faithful servant." She was truly a faithful servant in that she was ever ready to render a service to her fellow man. Her devotion to her family, her church, and her friends was manifest in her cheerful smile, regular attendance and every day life.

Resolved: That we extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

MRS. C. C. RANDLE, Pres.  
MRS. J. R. PHILLIPS, SR.  
MRS. B. O. TABB

## Ruth Pastor Has First Anniversary

### IS HONORED BY SHOWER Notes Burned On Debt On House

Rev. R. C. Johnson celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of the Ruth Church in Lincoln County on March 20. The day was given special recognition at the church and a new record was made in Training Union attendance.

A picture was taken of those who had been added to the church during the year. There have been 53 additions, 28 by baptism. Two were added on March 20 and five candidates were baptized on that day.

The pastorium has been remodelled and the debt retired. Notes were burned at the Anniversary service by the deacons.

Improvements have also been made on the church building, adding two new Sunday School rooms and a pastor's study. The basement has also been equipped. Two additional heaters have been installed and the W.M.U. furnished drapes for the baptistry.

Five additional Sunday School classes have been organized, two additional Training Unions organized, and Family Night has been installed, promoting Brotherhood, Junior Brotherhood, and all phases of the W.M.S. Family night has greatly increased the attendance in these organizations.

A Vacation Bible School was held, which was the first in several years. The Training Union study course had an average attendance of 88. And a revival was held.

One of the members was licensed to preach and a girl volunteered for foreign mission service. Three deacons were also ordained during the year.

Contributions have been made to the Cooperative Program and designated contributions have been made to many other phases of the work.

On the eve of the anniversary, members of the church congregated in the pastorium, surprising the pastor and his family with a shower on their return home.

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## Bolivar Assoc. Plans Workers Conference

The Bolivar Associational Workers Conference will meet at the Merigold Church April 4. Beginning at 6:45 p. m., supper will be served by the host church. Each pastor is asked to notify Rev. Carmon Savell, the Merigold pastor, as to the number to prepare for from his church.

Rev. R. S. Bradford will give the opening devotional at 7:20. Following reports given by the Associational leaders churches will be recognized. Dr. Charles Treadway will give a travel talk and Dr. H. L. Lang will bring the message.

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ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS: 1. Over which station do you listen to the Baptist Hour? 2. Is it reaching your community for clear reception? 3. What is your name and address? If you will drop a card or letter with the answer to these three questions, much of our problem will be solved and we will be able to plan in a very definite way. Address your answers to Rev. A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena.



## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

### ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Mississippi Baptists broke all records in the month of February in the matter of organizing new Brotherhoods. We reported seventeen (17) new Brotherhoods to the Southwide office in Memphis, but actually there were twenty (20). At the time of our report, we did not have a list of the officers for three (3) of the Brotherhoods that were organized. This number about doubles any record we have ever made in any one month. In addition to the twenty (20) local Brotherhoods, we organized two (2) new Associational Brotherhoods; namely, Bolivar County and Sunflower County.

The first third of this Convention year we have organized thirty-nine (39) new Brotherhoods. This number is about two thirds of what we normally organize in a twelve months period. There seems little doubt that we shall organize approximately one hundred Brotherhoods in this Convention year. A multitude of Baptist pastors and laymen are assisting in making this record possible. We desire to give thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way in promoting

the work of our Lord through the Brotherhood movement.

### A DIFFERENT PLAN

Harrisburg Church at Tupelo has a different meeting time from any plan that we have ever heard about. The Brotherhood meets every Monday morning at 5:30 for breakfast and then for a well planned program. Brother Winfred Moore, the pastor, tells us that the response has been marvelous. We have no desire to recommend this plan or any other plan, but do feel the brethren will appreciate the report of such an unusual set-up.

### RIDGECREST FOR MEN

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest is to be August 17-23 this year. Every church with a Brotherhood should, by all means, send its president or the one who will be president next year to this great Conference. A Brotherhood will never be the same after its president attends a Ridgecrest Conference. Reservations should be made now by writing Robert Guy, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and enclosing a registration fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

## Woman's College Has Uplifting Influence

By DR. JOHN E. BARNES, JR.

Mississippi Woman's College, which is located in Hattiesburg, is conducted on a high Christian plane. In this day of lowering of moral ideals, it is an inspiration to visit a college campus where the ideals are held at the very highest.

Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of the College, has done an outstanding job, first of all, in the beautifying and reconditioning of the physical equipment of the college. We know of no school which has any more attractive dormitories and administrative buildings. Not only is the physical equipment of the college attractive but, second and foremost, the spiritual atmosphere of the student body is of the highest. There are several explanations for this. One is the ideal of its president and faculty. The other is the consecration of the girls who make up the student body.

Since the enrollment of the college is small, the teachers are able to give individual attention to all the students. The spirit on the campus is more of a big happy Christian family than of an ordinary college. I know of more than one instance where girls have been led to live a deeply consecrated life because of the contacts and the spirit of this great school.

Mississippi Baptists should be proud to have in their midst a school that is having this uplifting influence. Today when so many calls are coming to our young people there is an increasing need for schools that do not compromise with the truth. As we understand the function of a Christian college, it is to give to our young people the distinctively Christian approach to life.

We heartily commend to you Mississippi Woman's College which, in our humble opinion, is completely fulfilling the mission of all Christian colleges to present Christ as the Saviour and to present His way of life as the only right way for a person to live.

## CLARKE STUDENTS LEAD IN STREET SERVICES

Each Saturday members of the Ministerial Association of Clarke Memorial College preach on the streets of several towns around Newton. This is a special missionary project of the Association. Rev. W. H. Henderson, president, and expenses of the project are contributed by members of the Association. They go only into a certain group of towns. Written permission for the street services has been obtained from the mayor and the local Baptist pastor in each town.

Two regular routes are followed in this street ministry. They are followed on alternate Saturdays. The north route includes Decatur, Union, Carthage, Walnut Grove, Forest and Lake. The south route includes Raleigh, Mize, Mt. Olive, Collins, Bay Springs, Louin, Montrose and Newton.

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## SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS REPORTED SUCCESSFUL IN FLA. ASSOC.; 1463 ADDED

March 5, Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, led 49 of the 52 churches in the Jacksonville, Florida, Association in the greatest simultaneous meetings in their history. Dr. Matthews did the preaching and E. Powell Lee led the singing in the meeting at the First Church.

Some 85 pastors, evangelists and singers met for fellowship breakfasts each morning at the First Church with Dr. Lindsay, General Chairman of the local committee presiding and Dr. Matthews conducting a Seminar on Evangelism.

The final report from 48 of the 49 churches, showed a total of 1463 additions, 980 for baptism, 453 by letter, and 30 by statement. First Church, Woodlawn, and Jacksonville Beach, each had more than 100 additions. The pastors were unanimous in their verdict that these were the greatest revival meetings that Jacksonville had ever enjoyed.

## E. L. Byrd Resigns At Highland, Meridian ACCEPTS S. C. PASTORATE Progress Noted in Pastorate



REV. EDWARD L. BYRD

Rev. Edward L. Byrd has resigned as the pastor of the Highland Church, Meridian, to accept the pastorate of the First Church of Florence, South Carolina.

The Florence Church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Dr. Harold W. Seever, who resigned to become the pastor of the Dauphin Way Church of Mobile.

Mr. Byrd has been with the Meridian church for five years and eight months. During this time there have been 693 additions to the church, a net gain in membership of 300. The church now has more than 1000 members with Sunday School attendance above 500 and Training Union attendance around 200.

The total offerings of this period amount to 229,800. The church now has \$73,000 in its building fund and construction on units of the new church facilities will begin early in 1951. The new church will be located on a new site in the heart of residential Meridian, which location includes nine and three-quarters acres. The new property has been paid for, and the paving around it, which items amounted to approximately \$6,000. A temporary annex has been built and paid for on the old location at a cost of \$6,000. Various other appreciable items have been invested in the improvement of the church property.

Six young people have left the church to prepare themselves for full-time Christian service.

Mr. Byrd's resignation is effective April 15, and he will assume his duties in the South Carolina city toward the end of that month.

He now serves as a trustee of Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, and also as the Mississippi member of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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## New Visual Aids Materials Available

"The Life of Christ," a series of film strips, is available for the use of our leaders in their programs. Mr. W. D. R. Stovall, director of the Department of Projected Visual Aids in our Library Service, announced the acquirement of these film strips last week. We urge our leaders to examine and schedule these aids in building programs that are of lasting value.

## First Church, Jackson To Observe Spiritual Emphasis Week

First Church, Jackson, will observe Spiritual Emphasis Week, April 2-9. The theme of the week is "For God and Country." The pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins will do the preaching, emphasizing the Gospel of Christ and its relation to the chaotic day in which we now live.

Reid Moore will direct the music with Miss Hazel Chisolm at the organ and Mrs. W. D. Hudgins at the piano.

Dr. Hudgins has announced the following sermon topics for the week:

"God of Our Fathers"; "Which Way, America?"; "Time Marches On! Is It Later Than We Think?"; "Spiritual Bankruptcy; It Is Imminent?"; "Communism: Does It Really Threaten Our Nation?"; "The H-Bomb; Can It Destroy Our World?"; "The Gospel: Are We Ashamed Of It?" "What Does Easter Mean in 1950?" And "With Freedom's Holy Light."

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## AN INSTRUCTION COURSE FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Prepared By  
LEONARD T. VAN HORN  
October, 1949

### LESSON NUMBER "5"

Subject: THE WORD OF GOD.

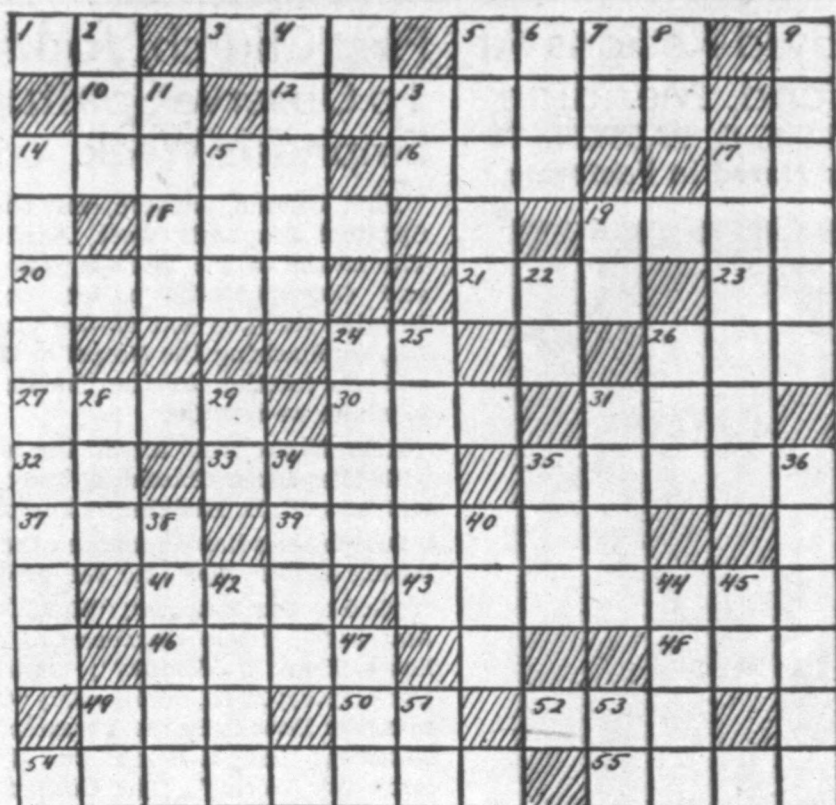
1. Q. How many books are there in the Old Testament and how many books are there in the New Testament?  
A. There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New Testament.
2. Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?  
A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. (John 5:39) (II Tim. 3:15-17)
3. Q. In what way did we get the Bible, the Word of God?  
A. The Bible was written by holy men, whom God taught and guided by His Spirit. (II Peter 1:19-21)
4. Q. Do you believe that the Scriptures are inspired by God?  
A. Yes, the Bible teaches that they are not of private interpretation and are the commandments of the Lord. (I Cor. 14:37) (II Peter 1:19-21)
5. Q. Does that mean that the thoughts are inspired or that the words are inspired?  
A. The words are inspired, the words of the original writings. (I Cor. 2:13) (I Thess. 2:13)
6. Q. What is our duty in regard to the Bible?  
A. It is our duty to receive the Bible with thankfulness, to believe all that God teaches therein, and obey all that it commands. (John 5:39) (Rom. 15:4) (Heb. 2:1-3)
7. Q. Can all men interpret the Scripture?  
A. No, only those who have Christ as their Saviour and therefore have the Spirit of God in their heart. (I Cor. 2:14)

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"IT IS THE CHRISTIAN BUSINESS to implement the program that Christ died to make possible and lives to make actual."—Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions, Southwestern Seminary.



## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea."—Matt. 14:25.

## JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

## Horizontal

- 1 "Then they that were . . . the ship came and worshipped him" Matt. 14:33
- 3 "Stand in . . . and sin not" Ps. 4:4
- 5 "And he said, . . ." Matt. 14:29
- 10 "Be . . . good cheer" Matt. 14:27
- 12 "they supposed it had been . . . spirit" Mark 6:49
- 13 "I am the way, the . . . and the life" John 14:6
- 14 Walked
- 16 "If it fall into a . . . on the sabbath day" Matt. 12:11
- 17 Japanese measure
- 18 Plane surface
- 19 "In the . . . th watch of the night" Matt. 14:25
- 20 More rare
- 21 Combining form signifying through
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Weight
- 26 "and . . . down your nets for a draught" Luke 5:4
- 27 "wherefore didst . . . doubt" Matt. 14:31
- 30 "Rabbi, thou . . . the Son of God" John 1:49
- 31 "when he saw . . . wind boisterous" Matt. 14:30
- 32 Calcium
- 33 "saying, Lord, . . . me" Matt. 14:30
- 35 "ship was now in the . . . of the sea" Matt. 14:24
- 37 "and the archers . . . him" I Sam. 31:3
- 39 "when they were come into the ship, the wind . . ." Matt. 14:32
- 41 Servant of Solomon Ezra 2:57
- 43 Finds out
- 46 "that lie upon . . . of ivory" Amos 6:4
- 48 American Bible Society
- 49 "This is my beloved . . ." Matt. 3:17
- 50 "O thou . . . little faith" Matt. 14:31
- 52 "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy . . ." Luke 4:8
- 54 "saw him walking on the sea, they were . . ." Matt. 14:26
- 55 "for the . . . was contrary" Matt. 14:24

Our text is 10, 12, 13, 27, 30, 31, 49, 50, and 52 combined

## Vertical

- 2 "be . . . afraid" Matt. 14:27
- 4 "he walked on the . . ." Matt. 14:29
- 5 "and beginning to sink, he . . . , saying" Matt. 14:30
- 6 "when Peter was come down . . . of the ship" Matt. 14:29
- 7 . . . of Olives
- 8 Exclamation of inquiry
- 9 "saying, It is a . . ." Matt. 14:26
- 11 "and they cried out for . . ." Matt. 14:26
- 13 Township
- 14 "immediately Jesus . . . forth his

hand" Matt. 14:31

- 15 Prefix meaning before
- 17 East Indian coin (pl.)
- 19 Fourth note of scale
- 22 " . . . is I" Matt. 14:27
- 24 "tossed with . . ." Matt. 14:24
- 25 "give unto you power to . . . on serpents and scorpions" Luke 10:19
- 26 Doctor of Humanities
- 28 City of Benjamin east of Bethel Gen. 12:8
- 29 "For he that is not against . . . is on our part" Mark 9:40
- 31 Current
- 34 Sour
- 35 "much people . . . him" Luke 9:37
- 36 The ship was . . . about on the sea
- 38 Prohibited
- 40 "Jesus went unto them, walking on the . . ." Matt. 14:25
- 42 Bill of fare
- 44 Moslem judge
- 45 Terbium
- 47 Sun
- 49 Senior
- 51 Iron
- 53 The beginning of owing

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BR)—THE Nashville Banner, evening daily newspaper, has invited Dr. Duke K. McCall, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee secretary, to write a weekly column. He has accepted the invitation.

ANOTHER VOLUME ON BARNES' NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT (\$3.00) by Albert Barnes has been released; this one is a 332 page commentary on the book of Hebrews. It is printed on specially selected paper and in enlarged type to assure ease of reading. Order from the Baker Book House, 1619 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

CHRIST THE HOPE OF THE WORLD What is the hope of the world today? Not armies drawn up in battle array, Not guns and ships and tanks and planes, Not prison slaves with clanking chains, Not atom bombs with their poison spray, Not carping critics and what they say, But Christ is the hope of the world today.

For the peace in your heart you so often crave,  
For the hope that is whispered from mountains and cave,  
For those wonderful words His own life He gave.  
Repent and believe Him,  
Accept and receive Him  
For He is the life, the truth and the way.  
Yes, Christ is the hope of the world today!

—By MRS. L. K. WHITAKER  
Stillwell, Oklahoma

## Joe Wheeler Chapel Sponsored At Laurel



## Belzoni Plans Youth Revival April 17-23

A Youth Revival at the Belzoni Church has been scheduled for April 17-23. There will be two services each day, at 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Three Mississippi College students will be in charge of the services. Newell Massey and Bob Girling, Seniors, will be the preachers and Billy Causey, Freshman, will lead the singing. The theme for the week and the song for the week will be "To Be Like Jesus."

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## Stonewall Plans Homecoming Day 14 ADDED IN REVIVAL

The Stonewall Church will have Homecoming Day on April 2, celebrating the completion of the new church building. Morning services will begin at 10 a. m.

Basket lunches will be served in the basement of the church at 12 noon. The afternoon address will be delivered by Rev. W. A. Roper, former pastor.

There were 14 additions during the revival March 19-24, of whom 13 were on profession of faith. On the Sunday following the revival there were four additions, one on profession of faith. Rev. L. W. Ferrell did the preaching in the meeting. Rev. Solie I. Smith is the pastor.

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"GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN" IS A revision of the book by the same name by Dr. B. C. Land and published by the Stewardship Publishing Company, Post Office Box 6235, Parkway Station, Jackson. Dr. Land is the former Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, and an outstanding leader and preacher in the field of stewardship. The author is making a great contribution to our denomination and to Southern Baptist lives in transforming churches through stewardship revivals as well as his several books on stewardship. Dr. Land in this book brings to us afresh the great store of Bible teaching on tithing and church finance. Chapter titles are: "Stewardship in History and Experience," "The Tithe in Scripture and History," "Should Christians Tithe?," "The Answer to Your Tithing Question," "God's Financial Plan," and "The Bible Method of Church Finance or The Unified Budget."—J. B. Smith, Magee.

The Greshams Of Greenway (\$4.00) by Marel Brown is an interesting story of the Gresham family which will be of special interest to Juniors. Published by the Home Mission Board, it is included in the series called "The Church In Its Community (Rural) by John Caylor. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

Second Avenue Church, Laurel, is sponsoring a new chapel in Laurel.

A few months ago a church of another denomination voted to discontinue its activities and announced that its property would be for sale. That section was somewhat cut off from the territory of the Second Avenue Church, and the people were unlisted, although the church bus had taken that route for several months.

The Second Avenue church secured the property, a house 28x36 on a lot 60x144, and began afternoon services immediately, including Sunday School and Training Union. The Sunday School now has an average attendance of 50, and the church has ten members. More than 100 prospects are within four blocks of the building.

Rev. J. H. Street, pastor of the Second Avenue Church, says that the county missionary, Rev. C. J. Rushing and neighbor pastors have assisted greatly in the beginning of the work.

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## RESOLUTIONS

We, the undersigned committee duly appointed by the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi, to draft resolutions of esteem and appreciation for the life and work of Miss Helen Eubank while Educational Director of our Church for the past several years.

WHEREAS: Miss Eubanks was always cheerful, untiring and persistent in all phases of Church work as well as all other causes for the betterment and uplift of the community as a whole, and

WHEREAS: The Church did grow and prosper largely due to her untiring efforts and faithfulness as Educational Director of our Church, and

WHEREAS: During the time our Church was without a Pastor she assumed extra responsibility and all functions of the Church continued on a normal basis, and

WHEREAS: Her cheerfulness and sincerity endeared her to the entire community regardless of denomination. Be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the Minutes of the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko. A copy sent to the Baptist Record of Jackson, Mississippi. A copy sent to the Star Herald of Kosciusko and a copy sent to Miss Helen Eubanks.

Committee,  
ROY T. MERRETT  
MRS. LOLA WEBB  
RUPERT THOMPSON

—BR—

A VOLUME HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY Michael Hudson, entitled Full employment (\$1.50), and setting forth the author's plan for full employment and prosperity. Using a 13 point plan he writes on labor, taxes, foreign trade and economy. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Massachusetts



## Sunday School Lesson

### CHRISTIANS SUFFERING AND TRIUMPHANT

By HIGHT C. MOORE

Christians in their suffering for Christ are stimulated and strengthened by their hope of heaven as Peter wrote from Babylon to the persecuted churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 4:12-19). Christians in their triumph through Christ are awarded their home in heaven as pictured by John in Revelation 7:9-17 to his brethren in Roman Asia who, like him in his exile on Patmos, were "partakers of Christ's sufferings."

#### I THE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SUFFERING CHRISTIANS

Two things are here said to those who suffer for the name of Christ.

(1) Expect severe tests. The trials may be fiery enough to search and burn, but they are not exceptional, for other loyal hearts are also undergoing them. Moreover, they are disciplinary to the sufferer, developing the good and discarding the bad; also, they energize and effectualize his witness to others!

(2) Rejoice in partnership with Christ. What finer fellowship than to share his sufferings with and for Christ! For as you share something of what he suffered, you will exult at the revelation of his glory. Rejoice even now that you will be infinitely gladder in the glorious after-while.

#### THE REDEEMED MULTITUDE BEFORE THE THRONE

Note seven things in the song of the saved. (1) Redeemed in heaven. It is a multitude innumerable, far exceeding the 144,000 out of the tribes of Israel divinely selected, sealed, and set apart for God's purposes.

(2) Saved from earth. They are gathered here out of every nation on the globe. They represent every tribe, every people, every race of mankind. All the languages used on earth will be unified in heaven.

(3) Attitude of reverence. They are standing in the attitude of profound respect and reverence. They are directly before the ineffable throne of God; and the are, therefore, in front of the Lamb who was their atoning Saviour. (4) Garments of Holiness. The raiment of the redeemed consists of long, white robes. Sin-free persons are supplied with stain-free garments. The righteous are to wear the robes of righteousness forever.

(5) Symbols of Triumph. The palms in their hands are significant not alone of the victory of their Lord, as in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but also of the fact that they, too, are conquerors, and "more than conquerors" through him that loved them and gave himself for them. (6) Shout of Exultation. Their victory becomes vocal. Their praise is perfect in its heavenly harmony. Their cry swells into a celestial cantata, flawless in tone and in melody unspeakably grand. (7) Song of Salvation. What else could it be but the great salvation that came from God our Father through his Son our Saviour? "Saved by our God who is seated on the throne, and by the Lamb!" (Moffatt).

#### THE WORSHIPING ANGELS ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE

Note three things about them: (1) Array. They are standing in a circle of which the center was the throne. Within the vast outer circle were the Lamb, the four living creatures (Rev. 4:6), the twenty-four elders, and the multitude of the redeemed.

(2) Attitude. In humility and reverence they "fell before the throne on their faces." The worship of God is the high-heavenly hosts. As the multitude stood and shouted their thanksgiving, so the angels fell prostrate to render their offering of praise.

(3) Ascription. Shouting their "Amen"

## Rankin County Asso. To Meet April 3

The 34 churches of Rankin county association will meet for their mid-year Associational meeting, Monday, April 3.

Rev. Montie A. Davis, pastor of the Brandon church, will bring the morning message at 11:20 a. m. Dr. E. R. Pinson, Clarke College, Newton, will deliver the main address at 2:25 on "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit."

The association is to convene with the Bethel church, Rev. L. C. Brown, pastor. Other local pastors and the county missionary, Rev. Louis Ward Stranger, will appear on the program.

to the song of the saved, they ascribed to God the eternal insignia of his kingship, and the same sevenfold ascription is due to the Lamb (Rev. 5:12). Truly, the worthiness of God is the noblest theme of the inhabitants of heaven. As Saviour and Sovereign, he is worthy of recognition as the source, embodiment, and expression of blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might. And he is worthy of it forever.

#### THE LAMB IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE

To the receptive seer the Elder revealed ten things about the flock of the Lamb in the fold of the Shepherd: (1) Tribulation. Where did the mighty host come from? Out of the great tribulation which apparently was spoken of by Daniel (12:1) and by Jesus (Matt. 24:21). Disciplined during the great distress and martyred during the great persecution (perhaps partly in the past and mainly in the future), the redeemed are released from it finally and forever.

(2) Redemption. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can change black sin to white holiness. That can do it, does do it, and has done it for everyone in that countless throng before the throne. And the same blood sanctifies and cleanses so that the redeemed may in it wash white their earth stains. (3) Salvation. On this account and no other, the saved are presented faultless before the throne of God. Through the blood they have entered into the Holiest.

(4) Activity. The saved are on active duty in heaven. They serve God "day and night" which means constantly, for "there shall be no night there." They serve him in his sanctuary or in his temple (Rev. 3:12) as already described.

(5) Protection. The King upon his throne will shelter them in his tabernacle. That is, he will "overshadow them with his care" (Moffatt).

(6) Satiety. During the time of the tribulation were they not often denied adequate food and water? Who of them was unacquainted with biting hunger and burning thirst? At last, they are where they shall never know hunger nor thirst.

(7) Refuge. Had not many been exposed to the fiercest glare of the sun on desert sands? Never more shall the sun fall on them (Rev. 16:8) so fiercely; never again any sunstroke, or sirocco, or scorching heat. Something better they have now than even the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

(8) Shepherd. Here is the source, the secret, the security of heavenly joy and peace. "The Lamb which is in the midst (or center) of the throne." As forecast (Isa. 49:10; Micah 5:4) he will guide and lead and shepherd eternally.

(9) Privilege. Not into a desert to die of thirst will the Good Shepherd lead his flock but at length unto fountains of waters of life or "the water-springs of life" in the better country.

(10) Happiness. Every tear shall be wiped away by God himself who will never allow another eye to brim with sorrow (Isa. 25:8; Rev. 21:4).

## Howard Rich Goes To Rosedale, Gunnison Resigns Philadelphia Post



HOWARD T. RICH

Rev. Howard T. Rich, Associate pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Rosedale and Gunnison churches.

Mr. Rich is a graduate of Trinity College in Florida. He has formerly served in pastorates in New York and Texas, having come to Philadelphia from the pastorate of Calvary Church in Kangsville, Texas, where he served three years.

During his work at Philadelphia, he has served as Associational Training Union Director. He is a member of the Exchange Club and is active in various phases of church, school and community life.

Mrs. Rich is a registered nurse. They have two children, Marilyn, age 8, and Burt, age 6.

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**HOW TO GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE** (20c) by William Wistar Hamilton is a small book that can be carried in the pocket or purse and is suitable as a gift to Sunday School Class members. Chapter titles include: Make Your Decision Definite, Hold on with Firm Faith, Be True to Your Convictions, Witness for Christ Everywhere, Do Some Work for Christ Every Day, Make Confession of Sins Whenever Wrong Has Been Done, etc. Order from the Baptist Book Store, or The Broadman Press, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

**BEREA CHURCH, NEAR DUNDEE**, held a revival March 16-19. The pastor, Rev. George Lassett, Jr., did the preaching. There were 13 additions, eight on profession of faith, and two rededications.

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Final vote in House on Bill 445 giving municipalities of a population of 2,500 or more the privilege of voting whether wine and/or beer shall be sold in municipalities.

FOR THE BILL: Adams (Kemper\*), Andrews (Lamar\*), Barcliff (Warren), Batson (Sunflower), Blount (Tallahatchie), Bodron (Warren), Bowen (Itawamba\*), Bramlet, Bridgforth (Hinds-Yazoo), Byrd (Wilkinson), Cole (Issaquena), Coody (Yazoo), Critz (Clay), Drane (Adams), Duckworth (DeSoto\*), Edwards (Yalobusha\*), Eudy, (Choctaw\*), Fox (Claiborne), Frost (Yalobusha\*), Gandy (Forest), Garrot (Tunica), Gautier (Jackson), Gore Quitman), Gross (Jones\*), Guidry (Harrison-Jackson), Hammet (Holmes), Heidel, Hicks (Yazoo), Holleman (Stone\*), Holmes (Montgomery\*), Hopkins (Coahoma), Howard (Marshall\*), Jackson (Oktibbeha\*), Jacobson (Warren), Junkin (Adams), Kirby (Oktibbeha\*), Lee (Hancock), Little, (Copiah\*), Lofton (Clay), Love (Holmes), McCullough, (Panola\*), McGehee (Wilkinson), McRaney (Covington\*), Monaghan (Lee\*), Morton (Tate\*), Myers (Franklin\*), Phillips (Noxubee\*), Ray (Madison), Ross (Coahoma), Rutledge (Chickasaw\*), Sandlin (Marshall\*), Sims (Lowndes), Smith (Panola\*), Stephens (Lauderdale), Swango (Panola\*), Thigpen (Bolivar), Vaiden (Carroll), Vidren (Hinds), Waits (Washington), Walley (Greene\*), Whittington, Williams (Pike), Wilson (DeSoto\*), Winter (Grenada\*), Womack (Humphreys)—65 votes.

AGAINST THE BILL: Adams (Lee\*), Ainsworth (Walthall\*), Aldridge

(Montgomery-Grenada\*), Alexander (Hinds), Allred (Jefferson), Anderson (Wayne\*), Black (Carroll), Butler Amite\*), Byrd (Franklin-Lincoln\*), Campbell (Hinds), Cherry (Kemper\*), Cork (Newton\*), Crawford (Madison), Denson (Rankin\*), Dunaway (Marion\*), Early Monroe\*), Eaton (Smith\*), Flynt (Geore\*), Glenn (Calhoun\*), Grisham (Tishomingo\*), Grubbs (Simpson\*), Hardee (Clarke-Jasper\*), Harrington (Chickasaw\*), Howell (Monroe\*), Johnson (Tippah\*), Jordan (Lincoln\*), Loyd (Winston\*), McCoy (Prentiss\*), McIlwain (Lowndes), Measell (Newton\*), Pannell (Union\*), Peek (Jasper\*), Potter Pontotoc\*), Ray (Alcorn\*), Simpson (Tippah-Benton\*), Stewart (Amite\*), Stinson (Lowndes), Stuart (Pearl River\*), Sweat (Alcorn\*), Thompson (Scott), Tubb (Monroe\*), Waddell (Copiah\*), Waits (Calhoun\*), Walker (Tate\*), Walley (Perry\*), Weeks (Prentiss\*), Williams (Union\*), Wood (Leake-Winston\*), Wooten Leake\*), —49 votes.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Bacot (Pike), Baxter (Lauderdale), Beauchamp (Attala\*), Bickerstaff (Harrison), Bishop (Lauderdale), Bonds Marshall\*), Day (Attala\*), Dowell (Claiborne-Jefferson), Ellis (Holmes), Falkner (Pontotoc\*), Farr (Jeff-Davis\*), Gee (Sharkey), Kimbrell (Webster), Lewis (Neshoba\*), McDevitt (Clarke\*), McKenzie (Benton\*), Moon (Rankin\*), Mullen (Lafayette\*), Price (Lawrence\*), Price (Washington), Pryor (Washington), Smith (Copiah\*), Stuart (Noxubee\*), Sullivan (Noxubee\*), White (Lee-Itawamba\*), Mr. Speaker—26 votes.

\* Beer outlawed in country.

## First Church Adopts North Laurel Mission APPOINTS COMMITTEE FOR ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM To Rotate Active Deacons QUARLES TO PREACH IN REVIVAL APRIL 2-9

A mission in North Laurel was adopted by the First Church on March 19, and is under the direction of a Mission Committee. This is the fourteenth church that has grown out of the First church. Under the leadership of Dr. L. G. Gates, four churches within Laurel and nine in the rural sections were developed over a period of years.

The church is making great strides under the leadership of Rev. T. R. McKibbens. There have been 47 additions to the church during the past six months, and the rotating system of electing deacons has been adopted, with 38 active.

An enlargement program is being planned by a committee of nine who are conferring with the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board. A current debt will be retired on April 30, after which plans have been made to enlarge the building fund.

The Spring revival will be held April 2-9. Rev. Chester L. Quarles, newly elected State Secretary will be evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dible will be in charge of the music.

## Horton Ordained At Paynes Church

Rev. George E. Horton was ordained by the Paynes Church on March 5.

The ordaining council was composed of Rev. H. B. Vinson of Cowart, Rev. Kermit Canterbury of Charleston, Rev. C. L. Boland of Paynes and deacons of the Paynes Church.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Boland, the ordination prayer was led by Rev. H. B. Vinson, and Rev. Kermit Canterbury gave the charge and presented the Bible.

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## Foreign Missions To Have First Session Of S.B.C. Convention WMU CLOSES ON TUESDAY

Oklahoma City, Okla.—(BR)—The Women's Missionary Union will close its convention at Chicago on Tuesday afternoon, May 9, according to word received here by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs.

This means that they will not participate jointly in the opening Tuesday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Coliseum. However, most of the women are expected to remain in Chicago for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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THE LEAVES TURN RED IN THE fall, because they blush to think how green they were all summer.

## Goodman Ordained At Issaquena Church



REV. H. G. GOODMAN, JR.

Rev. H. G. Goodman, Jr., was ordained on February 19 to the full ministry of the gospel by the Issaquena Church. His ordination was requested by the Ferriday Church, where he has been called as pastor.

The Presbytery consisted of the deacons of Ferriday, Darlove, Greenville and Issaquena and their pastors, Rev. R. A. Langley, Rev. Homer W. Roberson, and Rev. Judd Allen.

Rev. R. A. Langley gave the charge to the church, and the pastor delivered the sermon. Rev. Cecil Avery presented the Bible. Following the Laying on of Hands, the church gave him and his wife the hand of Christian fellowship.

Mr. Goodman was licensed in August, 1948. He and his wife plan to enter Clarke College. They have two sons.

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## VBS Clinics Held In Rankin County

Three Vacation Bible Schools have been held in Rankin County in which 92 teachers and officers were present, along with some visitors. Fourteen churches, of 27 in the county, have been represented at these meetings. A fourth conference is yet to be held. The slogan for 1950 is "A Bible School in Every Church."

The clinics have been planned by Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, associational missionary, and have been under the direction of Paul Boothe, of the State Sunday School Department.

Similar meetings will be held in April and May in connection with the Training Union and Brotherhood work.

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## Home Mission Board Issues Statement Concerning Utah

Atlanta, Ga.—(BR)—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is not sending a missionary into the state of Utah at this time, according to S. F. Dowis, secretary of Cooperative Missions. The statement was issued in response to a recent report that a missionary couple, employed by the Home Board, was going into Utah. However, Dr. Dowis explained, the Home Board does not fix the policies of states doing mission work adjacent to Utah. These states fix their own programs.

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## Thornton Reinstated Former Primitive



REV. W. A. THORNTON

Rev. W. A. Thornton was duly ordained as a Baptist Minister several years ago in full fellowship with our Denomination. In later years, Mr. Thornton preached for the Primitive Baptists for a few years. However, he was always dissatisfied because he did not agree with their doctrine.

He has now joined the First Baptist Church of Magnolia. This church, as well as the Southwest Mississippi Preachers Conference, has fully reinstated him into church fellowship and as a fellow minister.

The following are some of the churches which Mr. Thornton served in the past while in church fellowship with us: In Franklin county, New Salem, O'Zion and Ciloam; in Lincoln county, Arlington, Montgomery; and in Pike county, Navilla.

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## Ten Added In Youth Revival At Bethel

A Youth Revival was held at the Bethel Church in Sunflower County, March 12-19. Rev. Charles Phillips, student at Mississippi College, was the visiting evangelist. Rev. Claude Howe is the pastor.

There were ten additions, eight on profession of faith, and a great number of rededication.

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## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and accepted:

V. Miles Patterson, Apopka, Fla., from Grace Church, Clermont.

H. J. Killebrew, Kendrick, Fla.

R. D. Womble, Ridge Boulevard, Jacksonville, Fla.

Benton Hicks, First, Orange City, Fla.

Arnold M. Williams, Broadhead, Ky., from Green Brier.

Leon Beck, First, Silsbee, Texas, from Good Shepherd.

J. W. Rives, Pawnee, Texas, from Coy City.

Ralph Powell, Rockdale, Texas, from Bremond.

J. W. Burns, Central, Crockett, Texas, from Refugio.

Caleb W. Goodwin, Eureka, N. C.

Earl T. Oge, Calvary, Bristol, Tenn., from Andrews.

Rolland N. Dutton, First, Topeka, Kan., from Delmar Church, St. Louis, Mo.

W. T. Vaughn, First, Meadville, Missouri, from Kahoka.

Duane Amburn, Elk Creek Church, Taylorsville, Ky.

Clarence Pickler, Blackwood Chapel, Montgomery Association, North Carolina.

## Poplar Springs Has BTU Emphasis Week JOE ABRAMS IS DIRECTOR

Training Union Emphasis Week has just been concluded at the Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, with an average attendance of 112.

More than 3,000 contacts were made in connection with the Enlargement Campaign.

The week was under the direction of Rev. Joe Abrams, Shuqualak, assisted by Rev. Tom Pfeiffer, Mrs. L. N. Keeton, Miss Irmogene Tucker, Miss Evelyn Crooke and Mrs. Ivan Chisolm, all of Meridian.

Hulon Allen is the Training Union Director. Rev. David Byrd is the pastor.

## House Group Refuses To Confine Aid To Public Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Proposals to confine Federal education aid to public schools were rejected by the House Labor and Education Committee.

By a 21 to 3 vote, the Committee turned down an amendment offered by Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Indiana Democrat, specifying that Federal aid money should go only to public, tax-supported schools.

The Committee also refused approval of an even broader restriction, offered by Rep. Graham A. Barden (D., N. C.), which would also limit the aid to public schools only.

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## Zurich Seminary Has Great Impact On European Baptists

Richmond, Va.—(BP)—The new Baptist seminary in Zurich, is the stone that will help David attack Goliath, according to Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, editor of *The Commission*, who has just returned from a six weeks inspection tour of the school and its possibilities. "Baptists of Europe," he said, "have been living half-afraid in the presence of a giant all because of an inferiority complex inside themselves." He was referring to a gigantic state and institutional churches of Europe. His point was that the seminary in Zurich would give the Baptists of Europe a post-graduate school, not competitive with the national seminaries, strong enough to supply a vigorous trained, confident Baptist leadership.

The seminary, organized last year, has 28 students from 15 countries. They must work five hours a week and may work ten. The first five hours applies on their board and tuition. They are paid for the other five hours. They live four in a room, much too crowded for effective work, in Nordenhaug's opinion. There are two Methodists from Austria. The rest are Baptists, one of them a former Roman Catholic priest and another a Ph. D graduate from the University of Hamburg. English is used as the basic language.

On a tour of Europe, investigating the impact of the seminary on Baptist thinking, Dr. Nordenhaug found that it had universally caught the imagination of people and was regarded as the most significant venture in European Baptist life in 100 years.

In Austria, a Methodist bishop declared, "Most significant thing that has been done for evangelical Christianity in the recent history of Europe."

O. K. Armstrong, American journalist who spent four days at the school, said, "Here is one of the finest things Baptists have done in the old world."

"The seminary will bring a revival of concern," Nordenhaug declared, "it will teach Christianity as something that moves out into the hearts of men and not as something to be underscored in a book."

## Hotel Information For World Alliance

For those planning to attend the Baptist World Alliance, the following hotel information is given in order to aid them in selecting the hotel where they want to stay during the meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-29.

The following are considered downtown hotels and none are more than one-half mile from the meeting place of the Baptist World Alliance. The hotel that is closest to the auditorium is the Auditorium Hotel. The Hollenden, Olmsted, Colonial and Cleveland are in the next group. The Allerton, Statler, and Carter are within a ten minute walk.

The list of downtown hotels follows: Allerton Hotel, Auditorium Hotel, Carter Hotel, Cleveland Hotel, Olmsted Hotel, Statler Hotel, Stockbridge Hotel.



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## PLEASANT REMINISCENCES

By J. L. BOYD, SR.

One of the most pleasant experiences in a retired Baptist preacher's life is that of a return to a former pastorate as the specially invited guest of the current pastor and church people. Such was the good fortune of the writer to the Gulf Coast on a recent week-end to enjoy a brief sojourn in the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge of the First Church, Biloxi.

A spin around town and water front to see the many changes since we served there twenty-five to thirty years ago; the Saturday night's social and recreational period with the young people, Key Field personnel and others; my being privileged to preach to the large congregation on Sunday morning (which is accorded to so very few by the popular pastor); visits in the homes of a few friends of the long ago; a trip along the coast from The Point to Pass Christian on Sunday afternoon and the pastor's conference at Gulfport, by the courtesy of Mrs. Hodge, while Dr. Hodge was attending to very special pastoral duties; the after-meeting in the basement of the church on Sunday night to enjoy a most excellently planned program under the direction of the pastor's assistant; then going a-fishing on Monday as guest of the pastor, and to the locker on the way to the bus station to be "loaded" with additional fish, etc., for the folks at home.

The First Church, Biloxi, has made remarkable progress during the lengthy pastorate of Brother and Mrs. Hodge. The house of worship, built some twenty-five years ago under the leadership of Rev. Sheldon Posey, so big that many predicted it would never be fully utilized, has now become too small and a \$75,000 annex is in the making.

Blessings on the church, and the pastor and family!

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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF School Administrators voted 7,000 to 2 opposing the use of public funds for "either direct or indirect" support of parochial schools.

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THE PASTORS OF SEVEN BAPTIST churches in and around Manchester, Ga., make the following appeal: We, the members of the undersigned Baptist Churches feeling deeply the eternal import of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in the churches of our Baptist Brethren West of the Mississippi River, April 23, do hereby unanimously invite all our Baptist Brethren East of the Mississippi River to join us in earnest prayer for the blessing of our Heavenly Father to be upon their efforts in this great Crusade for souls. We believe a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit is just ahead of us if we will humble ourselves and seek His will in prayer. Let us pray, not in private, but during these days, pregnant with salvation and hope, let us organize prayer groups in all our churches, that our petitions may ascend as a cloud to the throne of grace.

## 1st, Greenville Sets Attendance Record TWO DEDICATE LIVES FOR FULL-TIME SERVICE

The First Church, Greenville, has grown to a membership of 2,185, under the leadership of Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor. The new Educational Building is already over-crowded. With very little effort a new attendance record was set in Sunday School recently Training when 1003 were present.

The Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Hirschberg, who recently came to Greenville, was invited to fill the pulpit. He spoke on "The Kingdom of God." Dr. Elliott responded by preaching in the Jewish Synagogue on the subject "If I Were a Jew," urging a crowded auditorium to consider the claims of that One who was born of a Jewish mother in Bethlehem.

There were 219 who attended the Training Union study course the week of March 20. The pastor taught the book "Baptist Distinctives" to 70 adults.

The other books taught were the "Junior Manual" by Mrs. D. I. Young, "My Family and I" by Mrs. M. G. Allen, "Training in Christian Service" by Mrs. Clarence Morris, "Pilgrims Progress" taught by Mrs. Edward Willis, "Planning a Life" taught by Mrs. O. H. Daniels.

Work continues at the Chinese Mission, the North-end Mission, and the Youth Revival Hour. Jerry Taylor and Miss Lucille Boykin have committed their lives to Christian service.

The church takes part in all mission causes through gifts to the Cooperative Program.

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## Church, Community Conference To Meet July 25-26

Dr. Jack Walton of Duke University is one of the out-of-state leaders for the second annual Church and Community Conference to be held at Mississippi State College July 25 and 26 as a part of Farm and Home Week. The conference program includes addresses, discussion groups, a music festival and a fellowship dinner. Six study groups lead by successful church leader in the State have been set up. The topics for these groups are:

- (1) Local organization of ministers and church leaders.
- (2) The church and agricultural agencies working together to raise the economic level of rural people.
- (3) Church beautification.
- (4) Developing church music.
- (5) Organizing rural churches for spiritual growth—personal evangelism, laymen's organizations, etc.
- (6) Financing the rural church.

All persons interested in rural church and community development are cordially invited to attend this conference.

## Strange Fires On Baptists Altars

By WALTER POPE BINNS

President, William Jewell College  
Since leaving the pastorate I have had opportunities to visit other churches. For the most part, the pastors are preaching sound doctrine and the churches are growing in power and usefulness, but I have also witnessed a new and strange ceremony in Baptist churches—the "Dedication of Babies."

This ritual was unknown to me until quite recent years. Who wrote this new Baptist ritual and where did the unknown author get the idea?

These Baptist pastors do not use water in their ceremony. They carefully and scrupulously avoid use of the word "baptism." It is as if we are saying to the parents: "We cannot baptize your baby because that is contrary to Baptist teaching, but we will perform a substitute ceremony which will be exactly like a baptism with the exception of the actual use of water—and we will have to call it a 'dedication.'"

Why do our Baptist churches have to imitate infant baptism? Are we afraid that pedit-Baptist churches will get ahead of us unless we get a ceremony to compete with their baptism of infants?

One of the distinguished marks of Baptists has been their emphasis upon the competency of the individual soul to deal directly with God without the intervention of parent, priest, or sacrament. This rules out infant baptism and all other forms of proxy religion. We believe that only those should be baptized who have already exercised saving faith. Therefore we have not hitherto been ashamed that we do not baptize infants.

Do the promoters of this new Baptist ritual contend that it is not a baptism, that it is a dedication, that it is in fact more a dedication of the parents than the babies? Of course, it is not infant baptism, but it is a patent and palpable imitation of infant baptism. If it is simply a dedication, why does it just happen to be a dedication of babies?

As a matter of fact, parents have no right and no power to dedicate their babies. An individual cannot dedicate anyone except himself or herself. When the child comes to years of accountability he can dedicate himself and only himself. This is the Baptist doctrine—and the New Testament doctrine.

If this new ceremony is only the dedication of the fathers and mothers to their task as parents, why are they asked to bring their babies down to the front of the church to have the minister place his hands upon their heads exactly as is done in infant baptism? Can anyone believe that this is just a spa?

Is just a spontaneous idea entirely unrelated to infant baptism?

The truth is that the ceremony has no place in a Baptist church. We can teach the importance of home life and the moral and religious training of children, the sacredness of parenthood and its attendant obligations without this new church ritual printed in the church bulletins in imitation of infant baptism.

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A FROWN IS A WRINKLE HUNTING for a place to roost.